

# **R** Leadership Rockwall

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Celebrating Over 20 Years of Leaders



## Class of 2023 Application

## Leadership Rockwall

## A Flagship program of the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce

Leadership Rockwall (LR) is a 9-month community leadership program designed to develop the skills leaders need to excel. The program includes a combination of in-depth issue seminars and skill development designed to enhance self-awareness of leadership approaches.

Participants are immersed in a full day traveling class that includes guest speakers, hands-on experiences, tours and relationship building. The goal of each class day is to challenge thinking and inspire participants to get involved in their community.

At the start of this 9-month program, participants are charged with the task of identifying an issue, program or project that needs attention. After selection and approval of the project, the class then plans and executes a sustainable community project.

With over 275 graduates, Leadership Rockwall produces a powerhouse of impactful community leaders and a thriving volunteer population that is more likely to serve on boards, volunteer, and give back to the community.

## ESTEEMED HISTORY OF LEADERSHIP ROCKWALL



Today, Leadership Rockwall is the single most unique opportunity for emerging and existing leaders to build, collaborate, and steward a vibrant, interconnected community in Rockwall and the surrounding area. The program identifies, educates, and develops leadership skills in approximately 15-20 individuals each year following a competitive application process.

These individuals will represent a diverse background & be made up of multiple industries in the private and public sectors.

For 26 years, Leadership Rockwall has served as the community-based leadership program designed to help individuals grow as leaders and engage in their community. The program provides community immersion experiences and advanced skill development.

The goals are simple...to **CONNECT AND LEARN** leadership potential...to **IGNITE** communications between present and future leaders...to **INSPIRE** new leaders to tackle tough community challenges in an informed and responsible manner with the goal of **SUCCEEDING** into a strong network of effective community leaders.

If you want a deeper connection to the community and believe leadership is an investment worth making in your career and civic stewardship, Leadership Rockwall is for you! Application to LR is open to persons living within the Rockwall Area.

# SELECTION CRITERIA



Applicants must represent a Chamber-member business in good standing

- Partner tuition is \$1500
- Non-Chamber Partner tuition is \$2250.
- Class members are chosen by a selection committee on their own merit based upon the information and attachments completed on the application and selection committee interviews.
- Nominees must have full support of the organization they represent.
- Attendance at orientation, weekend retreat and Rockwall County Days is **mandatory** for graduation. (Note: Should an applicant be unable to attend any of these events, they should wait until another year to apply to participate in the program.)
- Attendance at monthly sessions is **mandatory** for graduation from the program. (Note: one excused absence is allowed.)
- In reviewing applications, the selection committee looks for potential participants who demonstrate the following:
  - Commitment and motivation to serve Rockwall and the area in a volunteer capacity.
  - Policy shaping responsibility or position of leadership in employment and/or volunteer organizations resulting in the potential to have significant influence on important issues facing the community.
  - Ability to make the time commitment required by the program.
  - Previous volunteer experience.

# LR 2023 CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION

## APPLICATION INFORMATION



Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a registered voter?  Yes  No

Are you currently employed in the Rockwall area?  Yes  No

Are you self-employed?  Yes  No

How long have you been a resident of Rockwall?

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for Leadership Rockwall in the past? If yes, when?

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## EDUCATION INFORMATION



Highest level of education completed:

- High School/Diploma  Professional/Technical Certification  
 Some College  4-Year Degree  Advanced Degree

Name of Institution(s) Attended:

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Did you serve in any leadership/volunteer roles while in school? If yes, please list.

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## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS



- Please complete each section in full.
- Type or print legibly.
- One letter of recommendation is required along with a one-page resume and a headshot suitable for publication.
- Application must be signed by CEO/Employer and candidate.
- Completed application must be completed by **August 5, 2022**. Applications received after this date will not be eligible for the 2022-2023 class.
- Tuition is \$1,500 and due in full upon notification of acceptance into class.
  - This includes shared accommodations, all materials and most meals for the program.
- Submissions can be sent via email to [admin@rockwallchamber.org](mailto:admin@rockwallchamber.org) or mailed to  
Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce 697  
East I-30  
Rockwall, TX 75087  
Attn: LR Class of 2023
- **Applicants will be notified of interview status by August 12, 2022.**  
**\*Your application will not be considered complete nor reviewed without receipt of all components\***

# CANDIDATE & EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION



Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been in your current position? \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your current roles and responsibilities in this position:

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Business Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor (May be your employer or an organization such as Rotary, Alumni, etc. If no sponsor, write none.) \_\_\_\_\_

List previous employment in reverse chronological order:

Employer	Position/Title	Length of Employment

Have you or do you currently serve in any branch of the U.S. military?  Yes  No

If yes, please list the highest rank obtained during your service:

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# CANDIDATE & EMPLOYEMENT INFORMATION



What do you consider your highest career achievement to date?

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How much time do you commit to volunteerism? \_\_\_\_\_

List any specific community, civic, religious, political, social, athletic, or other area(s) of which you are or have currently been involved in:

Name of Organization	Dates of Membership	Length of Employment

What is the most significant thing you have learned as a result of your community/volunteer involvement?

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What types of volunteer activities do you plan to pursue in the future?

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If you have not had the time or interest to become actively involved in the past, what conditions have changed that now enable you to seek involvement in the community? \_\_\_\_\_

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## CANDIDATE & EMPLOYEMENT INFORMATION



Briefly describe leadership roles you have held, whether volunteer or professional, and how they have shaped you as a leader today.

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What do you feel are the three most significant or pressing issues facing the Rockwall Area today?

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What do you feel could be done to solve one of those issues?

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What are your hobbies and interests?

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Why do you think you should be selected for Leadership Rockwall?

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What specific skills/knowledge do you hope to gain from your participation in LR?

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Provide a reflective paragraph describing at least two strengths and two weaknesses as it relates to you as a leader?

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## CEO SPONSORSHIP

I hereby recommend \_\_\_\_\_ for consideration in the Leadership Rockwall program. If he/she is selected, I agree to provide adequate release time from regular duties to attend the required sessions and outside projects and activities.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Will your company pay the tuition fee of \$1,500 for this applicant?

\* \$2,250 for non-Chamber Partners.

Yes

No

## CANDIDATE & EMPLOYEMENT INFORMATION



### PERSONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Please list two persons who are knowledgeable about your leadership performance and potential. In addition to below, please submit **one letter of recommendation** from a Leadership Rockwall alumnus.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment – Letter of Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMITMENT



If accepted into the Leadership Rockwall program, you and/or your employer/sponsor will be billed for the tuition fee, which covers all program costs including meals. Tuition is \$1,500 or \$2,250 for non-Partners. Applications must be received on or before August 5, 2022. Applications received after this date will not be eligible for Leadership Rockwall Class of 2023. If selected, full tuition is due by August 31, 2022, and is non-refundable.

To graduate from Leadership Rockwall, participants are expected to attend all sessions.

Participants should notify the Class Advisor(s) immediately if unable to attend. Only one excused absence is allowed for a class date. Participants with multiple absences or who are non-participatory in class project activities may be asked to withdraw from the program with no refund and will not graduate.

The Leadership Rockwall program starts on September 7, 2022 and ends May 17, 2023. LR meets one full day per month, sessions are generally held on the second Tuesday of each month from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the duration of the 9-month program. There are 3 meetings outside of these hours and will be included in final agenda.

\*In addition to regular class days, outside time will be required to complete the community service project.

# COMMITMENT



## **Class of 2023 Dates**

September 7, 2022- (Mandatory) Orientation & Reception

September 13, 2022- Local Area Non-Profit Day

September 30 & October 1- (Mandatory) Opening Weekend Retreat in Ponder

October 11, 2022- SIMSOC (Simulated Society)

November 1, 2022- Education

December 13, 2022- Rockwall County Department & Services/Culture & Community

January 22-24, 2023 (Mandatory) Rockwall County Days – State Capitol

February 14, 2023- Leadership Styles

March 14, 2023-Local Government & Economic Development

April 14, 2023 -Quality of Life/Public Safety & Criminal Justice

May 9, 2023-Health Services & Leadership Opportunities

May 17, 2023- Class of 2023 Graduation!

# COMMITMENT



I understand the requirements of the Leadership Rockwall program and if selected will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the program and become an active member of the Leadership Rockwall Alumni Association upon graduation. I also understand that I will be required to complete alternative assignments on any missed program days or portions of days.

Additionally, I acknowledge that if I miss more than one class, I may be asked to withdraw from the program and no portion of the tuition will be refunded.

Each Leadership Rockwall class must complete a community service project that benefits a non-profit organization, city, town, or district in Rockwall County and is sustainable by that organization. The class is responsible for creating, designing, implementing, and completing their project, which must be approved by the Leadership Rockwall committee of the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. All class members are required to participate in their class project, which may include additional meetings, service hours, and other activities deemed necessary by the class members. **Please bear in mind that Participants must be flexible with changes in times or locations due to COVID-19 updates and policies.**

I understand the above commitments and agree to be bound by them in signing this application.

I understand that the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce, through its Leadership Rockwall program, selects participants in such a program based on a variety of considerations.

Accordingly, I agree that the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce shall in no way be liable to me in the event I am not selected for participation in the program. Furthermore, said Chamber shall not be responsible or liable to me for any claim I might make based on my participation in the Leadership Rockwall program should I be accepted and participate.

I understand the commitment of the Leadership Rockwall program. If selected, I will devote the required time to the program and pay my tuition in full by the stated date.

## **Verify Eligibility & Completion of Application**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of recommendation                          | <input type="checkbox"/> One – page resume   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Application signed by applicant's CEO or Employer | <input type="checkbox"/> One paragraph bio   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Headshot Suitable for Publication                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Ability to attend all class days & one additional mandatory day |

Applicant Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Application must be received by August 5, 2022.**

**You can submit your application via mail or email.**

Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce 697 East I-30, Rockwall, TX 75087

ATTN: LR Class of 2023 OR [admin@RockwallChamber.org](mailto:admin@RockwallChamber.org)

For more information: Darby Burkey, President/CEO

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