



# 2023 - 2024 Leadership Defiance County Application

## Mission

To develop future community leaders for Defiance and surrounding areas through education, experience, and involvement.

## Description

The Leadership Defiance County Program is a ten-month program, beginning in August with ten full-day, once-a-month sessions. Classes will be from 8:30am to 4pm. The focus is on specific aspects of regional civic issues, economic sectors, and leadership development. Please see the schedule below for anticipated program dates (*schedule is tentative and subject to change*).

2023		2024	
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Program Orientation & History Day	January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Criminal Justice & Civil Service Day
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Education Day	February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Healthcare Day
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Government Day	March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Service Industries & Non-Profits Day
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Real Estate & Agriculture Day	April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Manufacturing Day
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Media & the Arts Day	May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Financial Services & Graduation Banquet

## Selection Criteria

The 2023-2024 class will be selected from the pool of qualified applicants. Applicants must have the approval of their employers and will be selected based on community involvement and leadership potential. Preference will be given to Chamber members and their employees.

## Participants

Approximately 15-20 people per year, representing a cross-section of the various business sectors of the community, participate in the program. Both individuals and their organizations benefit from the contacts in the community, increased knowledge of the Northwest Ohio area, and enhanced professional skills.

## Tuition

Tuition for 2023 - 2024 class is \$995 for current Chamber members and \$1,195 for non-members. This is payable by the candidate, employer, or sponsoring organization. Payment is due by August 4, 2023.

## Commitment

Participants must have the full support of their employers or sponsoring organizations, as there is an attendance requirement. The August orientation is mandatory and attendance at eight of the nine remaining sessions is required in order to complete the program. There may be selected reading assignments and additional meetings/events outside of the monthly sessions.

## Application Deadline is June 1, 2023.

Application forms may be obtained by visiting: <https://www.defiancechamber.com/leadership-defiance-county/> All applicants will be notified of the selection committee's decisions.



**Personal Information**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer/Sponsoring Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Length of Residence in NW Ohio: \_\_\_\_\_

**Education** (high school, college, advanced degree, or specialized training) - Please include name and city of school, graduation date, and degree.

<u>School Name &amp; City</u>	<u>Graduation Date</u>	<u>Program of Study / Degree</u>

**Employment History** - Please include Employers, Job Title, and Dates of employment.

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Dates of Employment</u>

**Current Employment Sector**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Government          | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Services                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit          | <input type="checkbox"/> Media &/or<br>Communications        | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing/Industrial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare          | <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice/Law<br>Enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality/Restaurant   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retail              |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education/Childcare |  |   |

What do you consider your highest responsibility, skill, or career achievement to date?

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### Community Involvement

Please list current and former involvement in community, civic, professional, business, religious, social, athletic, volunteer, and other organizations. Please include organization name, dates of membership/service, and official positions.

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### Other Interests/Hobbies

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**Expectations** - One of the goals of the Leadership Defiance County Program is to build a network of community leaders who can enhance their problem solving and other leadership skills through shared perspectives and working together.

What are your expectations of participation in the Leadership Defiance County Program?

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What assets will you bring to the Leadership program and to the community?

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What do you feel are the most significant challenges facing your industry & Northwest Ohio today?



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What do you feel needs to be done on one of those issues?

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**Candidate Commitment**

Attendance is expected at all sessions. To graduate from the Leadership Defiance County Program, you must attend the orientation day in August, as well as 8 of the 9 of the remaining sessions, September through May. The class meets on the second or third Friday of each month, as laid out in the calendar on the introductory page.

Tuition for the Leadership Defiance County Program is \$995 for current Chamber members and \$1,195 for non-members. This covers all program costs including materials, meals, etc. for the program. Payment must be made by August 4, 2023. If selected, an invoice will be mailed with your notification letter.

*Tuition is non-refundable*

If selected as a Leadership Defiance County Program participant, I understand that I am committing myself to this attendance, tuition obligation, and involvement in the community upon graduation from the program.

Candidate Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer Commitment:**

This application has the approval of this organization and the applicant has our full support, which includes the tuition and the required time to participate.

Employer/Manager's Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/Manager Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



\*Please note: this completed application must be signed and sent by June 1, 2023 via:

- Email to [jessica.west@defiancechamber.com](mailto:jessica.west@defiancechamber.com)
- Mail to Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce, 400 Clinton St., Defiance, OH 43512
- In-person drop off at the Chamber Office during business hours (Monday – Friday from 9am to 4pm)