

# Application for Participation

## LEADERSHIP

## HARLINGEN

*Tentative Agenda for Class of XXXV*



Leadership Harlingen is currently accepting applications for Class XXXV.

### *Mission Statement:*

*“Leadership Harlingen is a program through the Harlingen Chamber of Commerce to identify, develop, and engage a network of leaders in the community to further expand the network of individuals who are better prepared to address the challenges of our city and region, as well as, advocate for the interests of our varying stakeholders.”*



Please review this application carefully and return the completed form to the Greater Chamber of Harlingen (311 E Tyler Ave., Harlingen, TX) or email Christopher Rivera at [crivera@harlingen.com](mailto:crivera@harlingen.com)



# Benefits | Overview | Sessions

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## *Benefits*

### **For Businesses**

- Provides employees with increased organizational, leadership, and problem-solving skills
- Exposes employees to new insights into the community
- Provides new access to networks of community leaders and different resources

### **For Individuals**

- Provides in-depth education about Harlingen's history, government, economy, social issues, quality of life, education, needs, and opportunities
- Introduces and encourages dialogue with other emerging leaders in the program as well as current influential community leaders
- Provides experience in the concepts of community trusteeship and servant leadership
- Provides the guidance and support for active participation in activities that contribute to the growth and betterment of the community
- Prepares candidates for high-level leadership roles, professional and personal growth

## *Overview*

### **Monthly Program Sessions**

The first full-day session will be the orientation and held in October, with each following session being held on the last Thursday of each month from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All dates are subject to change and times as approximate.

### **Class Project**

The Leadership Harlingen class will organize a community service project throughout the term of the program.

### **City Meeting and Non-Profit Meeting**

During the eight-month course, participants will be required to attend one city meeting or non-profit organization board meeting. Participants are required to bring a copy of the dated agenda from the meeting they attend.

## *Program Sessions*

- November 15: Team Building | **Mandatory attendance**
- December 13: Non-Profit
- January 31: Healthcare
- February 28: Education
- March 28: Government
- April 25: Law Enforcement
- May 30: Port of Harlingen & AEP
- June 27: Economic Development
- June 27: Graduation Luncheon

# Tuition | Commitment | Approval

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## *Tuition*

Tuition for 2022-2023 is **\$700** for active members of the Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce, and **\$750** for non-members, which includes all program materials, snacks/meals, transportation\*, class shirts, accommodations, and more! Tuition is non-refundable after completion of the initial session in September, but it can be transferred to another employee if done so prior to the September session.

## *Austin Trip*

Tuition for the optional Austin trip to the Capitol is **\$1,000**. This includes all program materials, travel/transportation, overnight stay, snacks, breakfast, lunch, and dinner, etc.

## *Commitment by Applicant*

If selected as a participant in Leadership Harlingen, I understand attendance and punctuality is required for a regular monthly meeting on the second Thursday of each month, an overnight trip, program-related events outside the regular class days and attendance is mandatory for Orientation. I will make every effort to attend all of the functions sponsored by the program. I understand if I fail to meet any part of any obligation of participation, I will not be invited to graduate from the program during this particular program year. I hereby certify the information provided above is complete and correct. I understand any false information disqualifies me from participating in the Leadership Harlingen program. I understand that my submission of this application does not guarantee my acceptance into the program.

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

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Commitment by Employer*

Selected applicants from the Leadership Harlingen program must have the support and commitment of their business or organization. The signature of the President/CEO of the applicant's organization (locally) is necessary as an indication of the support for the applicant's participation in the program. By signing below, you, as the applicant's employer agree to allow time away from work to fully complete the program, as outlined in this application.

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

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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H A R L I N G E N

*Training the Community's Business Leaders*

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## 1. Personal Data

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Harlingen: \_\_\_\_\_ How did you hear about Leadership Harlingen? \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Education

Begin with your most recent degrees and/or specialized training and list them in reverse chronological order:

Name and location of school	Dates (from/to)	Degree Major
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

## 3. Employment

a. Check those that best describe the area in which you presently work/serve:

Community Volunteer       Community/Non-Profit       Large Business       Small Business

Professional       Education       Government       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Years with Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject to transfer?:  Yes  No How often?: \_\_\_\_\_

If selected for this program, do you foresee any reason why you would be unable to complete the full course?

Yes       No      If not, why?: \_\_\_\_\_

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b. List your previous position held with your current employer and/or other employment in reverse chronological order:

Employer and City	Dates (from/to)	Responsibility
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c. Your Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Since (Date): \_\_\_\_\_

d. Briefly describe the responsibilities in your employment:

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e. What do you consider your most important professional achievement to date?

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f. List up to three business/professional affiliations and describe any of your roles/accomplishments (not including civic organizations, public office or political activities):

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g. What are your professional business goals for the next five years?

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#### 4. Community Involvement

a. What do you consider your major community service role to date?

Organization/Project	Dates (from/to)	Role/Accomplishment
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

b. Describe up to three other significant community involvement and any leadership roles you have assumed. (Include community, civic, religious, political, government, social, athletic, or other activities. Do not include business/professional activities)

Organization Role	Dates (from/to)	Accomplishment
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

c. Over the past year, approximately how much time each month did you devote to community, civic, professional and other Organizations and activities? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been as active in these activities as you would like to be?  Yes  No

If not, what conditions have changed that now enable you to seek community involvement?

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d. Have you previously participated in a Leadership program?  Yes  No

If yes, where and what year?

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e. Check two of the following categories which best describe your current area of leadership activity or interest?

- Chamber of Commerce
- Economic Development: Tourism, Downtown Development
- Education/Literacy

- Environment: Conservation
- Government: Local, State, Federal, Regional
- Politics: Local, State, Federal, Assist in a campaign
- Quality of Life: Art, Sports, Entertainment, Music
- Social Issues: Aging, Alcohol, Handicapped, Drug Abuse, Mental Health, Diversity

**5. General Information**

a. What are your goals in the future relative to leadership roles in our community? What do you hope to gain from Leadership Harlingen experience that will assist you in reaching your goals?

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b. What do you believe to be the most important issue facing Harlingen today? Explain why and suggest any recommendations for approaching and resolving this issue.

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c. Additional information or comments:

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**6. References & Recommendations**

Attach two letters of recommendation with this application from persons who are knowledgeable about your leadership performance and potential and who may be contacted regarding your qualifications as a participant.

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## Biography

The following information about yourself will be placed in a small booklet which will be given to every attendee of the Leadership Harlingen Banquet/Graduation. Please fill out and submit it to [ldavila@harlingen.com](mailto:ldavila@harlingen.com). **NOTE: If a biography is not received, one will not be provided in the booklet.**

- Full Name:
- Date & Place of Birth:
- Where did you attend college and what did you major in?
- What are some of the major achievements you have accomplished throughout your life?  
(150 characters)