

ADVANCING THE LEGACY OF BUSINESSES IN OUR COMMUNITY

LEADERSHIP KATY

CLASS OF 2024

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Dear Leadership Katy Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Leadership Katy, a program of the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce that is designed to develop and engage the leadership skills of potential and current leaders.

Leadership Katy participants build confidence and motivation to become actively involved in promoting positive change for our region. Class members will grow in awareness and understanding of the challenges and issues facing our community. Leadership Katy allows doors to be opened for greater corporate-organizational community involvement and visibility, develops valuable contacts and networks, and helps identify where strategic alliances might be formed. Employers and sponsoring organizations will see increased leadership and problem solving skills in their employee. The community will experience immediate benefit from increased involvement on the part of the participants, and will reap future benefits from the collective commitment to effective leadership by the graduates of Leadership Katy.

Graduation from the class represents the beginning of a lifetime of opportunity as a member of the Leadership Katy Alumni network. Alumni have the responsibility to foster continued leadership development in the region and are expected to support the work of Leadership Katy. In addition, it is expected that alumni will go forth and participate in constructive community change. They are also encouraged to serve on committees, boards, and organizations throughout the region. Critical to the organization's continued success is the support from past participants in program guidance, financial contributions, and marketing the program to future participants.

Each year, individuals will be selected to participate in a ten month program that meets once a month. Participants receive in-depth exposure to the issues facing the community through lectures, discussion groups, on-site visits, simulations, and other leadership development activities. The program enables participants to develop their leadership capacities, build strong relationships, and prepare themselves for the challenges of the years to come.

Tuition for the ten month program is \$2,500 for members of the Katy Area Chamber. The non-member tuition rate is \$3,000. The tuition covers expenses for the sessions including lodging accommodations, transportation (including airfare) and meals. A tentative session schedule is included.

We look forward to having you as a member of Leadership Katy!

*Matthew Ferraro, IOM
President | CEO
Katy Area Chamber of Commerce*



Date: _____

**Please submit a headshot with application for use in class directory.
Please complete all fields as information will be used for flight purchases and background checks for tours.**

PERSONAL

Full Name: _____ Name for Nametag: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Personal Email: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: _____ Gender: _____ Ethnicity: _____

Place of Birth: _____ Number of years lived in Katy area: _____

License Number: _____ Name as appears on TDL: _____

Active Military or Veteran: Yes | No

Favorite Leisure Activities: _____

EMPLOYMENT

Employer: _____ Year of Hire: _____

Type of Business: _____ Title: _____

Business Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Work Email: _____

EDUCATION

High School: _____ Graduation Year: _____

College: _____ Major: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Graduate School: _____ Major: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Professional Training: _____

Please return applications to Matthew Ferraro at matthew@katychamber.com

LIST CIVIC, PROFESSIONAL, AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO GAIN FROM LEADERSHIP KATY

LIST THREE THINGS MAKE YOU UNIQUE

TUITION AND FUNDING

If accepted into the Leadership Katy program, you or your company, will be billed \$2,500 for the tuition fee if you're a Katy Area Chamber member. Prospective members will be billed \$3,000. This covers all costs including transportation, meals, hotel accommodations and airfare. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance by August 2023. Tuition is due in full by December 2023. *Withdrawal from the program at any time, for any reason, will not create cause for return of any portion of the tuition paid.*

APPLICATION AGREEMENT

I have completely answered each of the application questions and to the best of my knowledge the answers to the foregoing questions are true and correct. I understand that attendance of all retreat sessions is mandatory and attendance at all one-day sessions is expected. I understand that the program will be delivered in six full-day (8 hours) sessions and four two-day out-of-town sessions from August through May. I accept that missing a two-day session or more than two one-day sessions will disqualify me from graduation; and that this is a professional continuing education program and should be taken seriously. I further understand that the program encourages continued Chamber and community involvement following graduation.

Applicant's Printed Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

This application has the approval of this organization and the applicant has our full support, which includes time requested for participation as detailed in the "Applicant Agreement" stated above. The organization also understands the system of Tuition & Funding as stated above.

Employer's Printed Name: _____

Employer's Signature: _____ Date: _____