

**Columbus Chamber of Commerce
Leadership Colorado County
Overview of Program**

Leadership Colorado County will consist of nine (9) sessions, held monthly on the second Wednesday of each month, September through May, of each year. Sessions will cover but are not limited to leadership and leadership development; operations of local, state, and federal government; business and economic development; K-12 and higher education; health care; safety, law enforcement, EMS, fire; agriculture, utilities, service organizations, and community development. Sessions will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m. Most sessions will have a working lunch. Time may vary on the legislative day.

Leadership Colorado County are full days packed with vital information on who and what impacts quality of life in Colorado County. Due to the importance of each session, participants are required to attend all nine (9) sessions. The Leadership Committee will give consideration on a case-by-case basis for an emergency situation. By missing more than one session, the Committee will have the standing to dismiss a participant from the Leadership program.

Leadership Colorado County requires participants to complete four outside activities over the nine-month period that include attending one City Council meeting, one School Board meeting, one County Commissioner's Court, and one community-focused/nonprofit meeting. Participants will also be required to make a public comment during the public comment section of the agenda at one of the government meetings. Participants will volunteer a minimum of 10 hours with a community service group. The Leadership Committee will identify and approve the group and the hours. Participants will give a verbal report of their 10-hour volunteer experiences at an assigned meeting.

Leadership Colorado County expects participants to emerge from the program with a deeper and broader level of community awareness, a strengthened network, and insights they can apply in the workplace, community, and in their personal lives.

Applicant Eligibility:

- Must be 21 years or older.
- Must live or work full-time in Colorado County.
- Must obtain written approval for participation from the CEO or senior executive at applicant's place of employment.
- Must show the desire and enthusiasm to be involved in the community and leadership position(s).
- Must complete the application and consent forms and submit by the deadline.
- Must be able to pay the non-refundable program \$395 tuition by submission deadline or be the recipient of a scholarship to provide the tuition.
- Must be available to attend all sessions and required activities.

Application Process

- Applications will be available May 29, 2024. Submission deadline is 3:00 p.m. on July 3, 2024.
- Applications will be available through the Columbus Chamber of Commerce. Contact Becky Nutt at becky@columbustexas.org or (979) 732-8385.
- All applications must be turned into the Columbus Chamber of Commerce by 3:00 p.m. on July 3, 2024. Applications will not be accepted after this time unless the deadline has been extended by the Leadership Committee.
- Do not enclose the fee with the application. Fees will not be accepted until the class has been selected.
- Applications must be completed in full for program consideration.

Selection Process

- Class selection will be made from the first fifteen (15) qualified applicants.
- Submitted applications will be logged to record the time and date the application is received.
- Only **completed** applications will be considered.
- The Leadership Colorado County Committee will review applications for completeness, qualifications, and through the interviewing process.
- All applications will remain confidential and will be used only for the purpose of the Leadership Colorado County program.

Notification Process

- Applicants will be notified in writing, via mail or email, if they were accepted into the program by August 7, 2024.