

**Columbus Chamber of Commerce**  
**Leadership Colorado County**  
**Overview of Program**  
**Class II 2025-2026**

**Leadership Colorado County** will consist of eight (8) sessions held monthly on the second Wednesday of each month September through April with graduation in May. Sessions will cover, but not limited to, the following:

- Health care
- Agriculture
- Utilities
- Business and economic development
- Leadership and leadership development
- Operations of local, state, and federal government
- Safety, law enforcement, emergency management services, fire
- Service organizations
- K-12 and higher education
- Community development

Sessions will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. Most sessions will have a working lunch. Time may vary on the legislative day.

**Leadership Colorado County** sessions are packed with vital information on who and what impacts Colorado County's quality of life. Due to the importance of each session, participants are required to attend all the eight (8) sessions. The Leadership Committee will give consideration on a case-by-case basis for emergency situations. By missing more than one session, the Committee will have the standing to dismiss a participant from the Leadership program.

**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.

**Leadership Colorado County** requires participants to complete two outside activities over the eight-month period. Options include attending one of the following:

- A city council monthly meeting
- A school board monthly meeting
- County Commissioner's Court
- Community focused/non-profit meeting (Lions, Rotary, etc.)

### **Also required:**

- At one of the above suggested meetings that the Class participant has selected, the participant will introduce themselves and their participation in the Leadership Colorado County Class.
- Participants will volunteer for at least ten (10) hours with a community service organization that has prior approval of the Leadership Committee.
- Participants will give a three-minute talk, as assigned, at one of the Leadership Class sessions.

### **Expulsion**

The Leadership Committee retains the right to expel a Class member from the Leadership program if the Leadership Committee determines that the Class member's conduct in the community lacks decorum, integrity, and/or professional conduct.

### **Applicant Eligibility:**

- Required to be 21 years or older.
- Required to live or work full-time in Colorado County.
- Secure written approval from your CEO or senior executive at place of employment.
- Maintain the desire and willingness to be involved in the community and serve in leadership position(s) and **must** maintain professional integrity and conduct within the community.
- Must complete the application and consent forms and submit before the deadline.
- Must be able to pay the non-refundable \$425 tuition for the program 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 are available at: [\*\*https://columbustexas.org/leadership-colorado-county/\*\*](https://columbustexas.org/leadership-colorado-county/) or the Columbus Chamber of Commerce office — 425 Spring St., Columbus, TX 78934. Contact Becky Nutt at: becky@columbustexas.org / (979) 732-8385.
- All applications must be received by the Columbus Chamber of Commerce by 5:00 p.m. on July 9, 2025. Applications will not be accepted after this time unless the deadline has been extended by the Leadership Committee.
- Applications must be completed in full to be accepted.

### **Selection Process**

- Selection for Class II will be made from qualified applicants.
- Only **complete** applications will be considered.
- The Leadership Colorado County Committee will review applications for completeness, qualifications, and interview.
- All applications will remain confidential and will be used only for the purpose of the Leadership Colorado County program.

### **Notification Process**

- All applicants will be notified, via email, their status of being accepted into the program by Wednesday, August 6, 2025. First Class begins September 10, 2025.