



THE JOURNEY BEGINS

2024-2025

Leadership Southlake

Leaders
**AREN'T BORN
THEY ARE MADE.
AND THEY ARE MADE
JUST LIKE ANYTHING ELSE,
THROUGH HARD WORK.
AND THAT'S THE PRICE
WE'LL HAVE TO PAY TO ACHIEVE
THAT GOAL OR ANY GOAL.**

-Vince Lombardi

As a prospective Leadership Southlake participant, you are embarking on a journey that will last a lifetime. This journey is a result of your commitment to excellence and leadership in your community, both personally and professionally. Although this passage is one that many have taken since the program began in 1989, the end result is unique to each graduate.

Leadership Southlake is a dynamic, fun way to learn about Southlake. Alumni include a variety of community and civic leaders. For 35 years, Leadership Southlake has introduced emerging and recognized leaders to the inner workings of our community through a ten-month program on topics that affect our quality of life. This course is also great for professional development, leadership training, and networking.

The 2024-2025 Leadership Southlake voyage begins with an opening orientation in August. It is followed by an invaluable full-day retreat in September. Through monthly sessions, you will learn

- An appreciation of the City's history
- Southlake's strategic plan for economic development and transportation
- The breadth of community services offered to the citizens of Southlake
- The multitude of educational and cultural opportunities available
- The operation of local government breakthroughs and trends in health and medical services

The class will plan and implement a community service project that will serve as its legacy. The course concludes with a graduation ceremony where students showcase their advocacy project and are publicly recognized.

Enclosed is an application for you to complete and return by Friday, July 5, 2024, in order to be considered for inclusion in the class of 2024-2025. The class size is limited to 20 participants. Those applicants who are accepted into the program will be notified no later than Wednesday, July 31, 2024. For additional information, please contact call the Southlake Chamber of Commerce at 817.481.8200 or email tracy@southlakechamber.com. Leadership Southlake is hosted by the Southlake Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the City of Southlake.

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If your actions inspire others to dream more,
learn more, do more and become more,

YOU ARE A LEADER.

— John Quincy Adams

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An Exciting Expedition

“The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do great things.” Ronald Reagan

The benefits of Leadership Southlake are multi-faceted. Your participation in the program allows you, employers, and the community to reap the rewards.

Your individual benefits from the program include the following (just to name a few):

- Increased leadership skills and how to apply them daily
- Greater knowledge of the region, its history, and its leaders
- An informed network of diverse colleagues for individual, business, and community problem solving
- Refinement of values and personal mission

Employers benefit by having employees with:

- Increased leadership skills and how to effectively apply those skills daily
- Knowledge of regional issues that can be used for greater organizational effectiveness
- Networking opportunities that can help with business solutions
- Exposure to other community leaders who are committed to 21st century concepts
- An opportunity to position a business as an organization that is committed to the community quality of life issues and to position its decision makers as committed community leaders

The community also wins because it receives a pool of committed community leaders to serve as board members and volunteers and a talented group of leaders who can be called upon for input and solutions to community issues.

No matter if you are new to the area or lived here for years, this course can open new doors of opportunity. The benefits of Leadership Southlake will assist you in all aspects of life's journey.

Tuition for the entire program is only \$800. Please note that the tuition is non-refundable. This fee includes all monthly class sessions, The Ropes Course Retreat, the trip to the State Capitol and the Graduation Ceremony Luncheon. Leadership Southlake accepts cash, checks and credit cards. **Tuition must be paid in full upon acceptance to the program.**

Please mail checks payable to: Southlake Chamber of Commerce

Leadership Southlake Application

Personal Data

Name: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____ Name you prefer: _____

Home address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Business address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Cell Number: _____ Work: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ How long have you lived or worked in Southlake? _____

Interests: _____

Is your business sponsoring you? Yes _____ No _____

Why do you want to take Leadership Southlake? _____

What are your expectations? _____

How do you think it will affect your business? _____

Education: *major college, graduate school, business/trade school, and /or specialized training*

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

Employment

Present Employer: _____ Title: _____

Type of Organization: _____ How long? _____

Responsibilities: _____

Company website: _____

Business/Professional Affiliations (if any-not including civic organizations, public office, political activities):

Name of Organization	Position	Dates (from-to)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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Community Involvement

- A. List community, civic, religious, political government, social or other activities in which you actively participate. Please do not duplicate anything already listed. List most recent first:

Name of Organization

Responsibilities

Dates

- B. What do you consider your most important accomplishment in one of these organizations? Why?

- C. How much time each month do you currently commit to volunteer work? _____

- D. What kind of community activities would you like to become involved with in the future? Examples include city council, school board, chamber board, Rotary, etc.

Applicant Commitment Please read carefully. If selected, you agree to fulfill the following commitment:

I understand the purpose of Leadership Southlake and, if selected, will devote the time necessary to complete the program

I will attend the monthly class sessions from August 2024 to May 2025 and understand that missing the full-day ropes course, the trip to Austin and any more than two sessions will result in failure to graduate from the Leadership Southlake program. I also understand that I must actively participate in a community advocacy project to graduate.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please attach a recent photograph suitable for reproduction in the class directory

For questions, please contact Tracy Matlock tracy@southlakechamber.com