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The purpose of Leadership Abilene is (1) Identify and motivate potential leaders (2) acquaint them with community needs (3) provide insight into techniques opportunities and challenges of leadership (4) explore alternate perspectives for community challenges (5) encourage new leaders to community involvement. Leadership Abilene strives to expose participants to the many services, resources, organizations, and businesses that make Abilene unique. Each month the group will attend presentations, tour facilities, and interact with representatives from local businesses, non-profit organizations, educational institutions and public offices. The Leadership Abilene program accepts up to 36 participants.

Name _____ Age _____ Male _____ Female _____
Last First Middle

Date of Birth: _____ Name for Nametag _____

Business name as you want it published _____

Business address _____

Business phone _____ Cell phone _____

Job title _____ E-mail: _____

If you are married: Spouse name _____

No. of children _____ Names and ages _____

Home address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Total number of years lived in Abilene area _____ How does the Abilene area fit into your future plans?

What is your preferred method of communications? _____ Are you a registered voter? _____

How do you learn of City/County/State/Federal issues and events? *(Check all that apply)*

Newspaper: Print ☐ On-line ☐ News websites ☐
Television ☐ Radio ☐ Social media ☐

Other _____

Who recommended this program to you? _____

Have you submitted an application to Leadership Abilene in the past? _____ If yes, how many times? _____

EDUCATION

Provide a summary of your educational background beginning with High Schools, then Colleges, Graduate Schools, Business/Trade Schools and/or other Special Training. (Attach additional page if necessary.)

NAME & CITY OF SCHOOL	DATES (FROM – TO)	DEGREE	MAJOR
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

EMPLOYMENT

Account for all periods including military service.

Present employer _____ Date Began _____
Present title _____ Since (Date) _____

Previous employment: (Last five years)

COMPANY/LOCATION	POSITION	DATES (FROM – TO)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Discuss what leadership responsibilities you have in your present position of employment.

Discuss what leadership responsibilities you had in your previous employment.

EXPECTATIONS & GOALS

The goal of LEADERSHIP ABILENE is to provide information and education about the diversity of this community, its strengths, weaknesses, resources and challenges. What specific expectations do you have for this program?

What are your goals for future involvement in the community?

Please list your strengths (up to three) that help qualify you as a leader.

1.

2.

3.

In your opinion, what are the three most pressing issues facing our community today?

1.

2.

3.

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

List key community, civic, professional, business, religious, social, and other organizations of which you have been a member and/or leader, in order of their value to you.

ORGANIZATION	DATE	LEADERSHIP POSITIONS
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How many hours per month are you currently committing to the activities of community, civic, professional, business, religious, social and other organizations? _____

Have you been as involved in these activities as you would like to be? _____

If not, what have been major barriers to your involvement?

Please list three individuals as references and attach two professional reference letters.

NAME & COMPANY	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
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PROGRAM INFORMATION

ANTICIPATED 2025-2026 SESSION DATES

Friday	September 12, 2025	Orientation (MANDATORY)
Thursday	October 9, 2025	Economic Development Program
Thursday	November 13, 2025	City/County Govt. Program
Thursday	December 11, 2025	Servant Leader Program
Thursday & Friday	January 22 & 23, 2026	State Government/Austin Trip
Thursday	February 12, 2026	Education Program
Thursday or Friday	March 19 or 20, 2026*	Dyess Air Force Base Program
Thursday	April 9, 2026	Health Program
Thursday	May 7, 2026	Make up Day or Service Project Day

* Dyess AFB date could change depending upon scheduling/base ops.

Thursday	May 14 2026	Graduation Dinner/Ceremony
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(This is not considered a session/program date. The Graduation Dinner/Ceremony will be for you and a guest.)

Attendance at each of the nine monthly sessions is important. Each session has a different focus, and the networking opportunities, information and experiences are not repeated. It is mandatory that the participant **attend seven of nine sessions** – all of the Orientation session **and** an additional six of the eight remaining sessions. Attendance is taken throughout the day. A proportional absence is recorded if, for example, a participant leaves during part of the day or leaves a session early.

Can you commit the time required for you to participate effectively in the Leadership Program? _____

Do you have any food allergies? If so, please state. _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Return completed application to:

Sunday, June 30, 2025
LEADERSHIP ABILENE 2025
Abilene Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 2281, Abilene, TX
79604

Applications must be postmarked by the deadline or personally delivered to the Abilene Chamber of Commerce office at 400 Pine Street., Suite 500 or P.O. Box 2281, Abilene, TX 79604. Chamber office hours are Monday – Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday – from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

***Applicants may be called in for personal interviews.**

***Applicants will be notified of participation no later than August 8, 2025.**

TUITION: Do not send any tuition payment and/or deposit with application. The tuition for participants of **Chamber member organizations** is **\$1,500**. Tuition for **non-member participants** is **\$1,700**. Tuition covers all meals, transportation, lodging, class shirts/name tags, and miscellaneous program-related expenses. The tuition is payable in full **on or before September 11, 2025**. Please provide the name of the company, organization, or individual responsible for your tuition fee:

SIGNATURES

APPLICANT:

I understand that if I am selected to participate in Leadership Abilene, I am expected to attend all nine sessions. I understand that I **must** attend the Orientation session and a minimum of **seven of the nine sessions** to graduate. I am aware that I will be encouraged to participate in additional extra-program experiences offered throughout the year and a class project that will enhance my Leadership Abilene experience.

Applicant Signature

Date

EMPLOYER:

I understand that effective participation in, and graduation from, Leadership Abilene 2025 requires a time commitment by my employee. I am aware of the schedule listed above and will allow my employee to be away from work as required by the program.

Supervisor/ Employer Signature

Date