

## ***LEADERSHIP DECATUR***

The Leadership Program of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce

Leadership Decatur is a program of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce that attracts a diverse group of businessmen and women. This program was established to ensure the continuing vitality of the Decatur Community by providing a solid source of motivated leaders.

### ***INSPIRE – BUILD - TEACH - LEAD***

This is the underlying theme of our Leadership Program. Leadership Decatur inspires class members to increase involvement in their organizations and communities in which they live. The program helps identify where strategic alliances might be formed. Employers will see increased awareness of issues most important to our region and inspiration to create positive changes.

#### **2024 Class Year**

Thank you for your interest in Leadership Decatur. The Leadership Program of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce. The Selection Committee is looking for aspiring leaders who:

- Have a history with volunteerism and experience serving in leadership capacities.
- Desire to become actively engaged in the Decatur/Wise County area through their professions and decision-making roles on community boards.
- Demonstrate high standards of personal quality and integrity.
- Can and will commit the time required for the program.
- If employed, have the endorsement of their employer or indication the employer does not object to their taking time off from work for Leadership Decatur Activities.

**Note:** Classes take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

Please complete the attached application and:

1. Email to [info@decaturtx.com](mailto:info@decaturtx.com) with your digital headshot. (A non-refundable application fee invoice will be sent for you to pay online).
2. Mail your application to the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 474, along with a \$25 non-refundable application fee.

Application Deadline is **Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023**. The balance of the investment will be due upon acceptance into program. Applicants will be notified of acceptance by **Friday, August 25th**.

**Cost of the program is \$525.00 for Decatur Chamber Members (limited applicants) and includes most meals and transportation.**



**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

**Make sure to complete each section in its entirety. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an individual member of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

In case of an emergency, last minute changes, or cancellations due to weather, or for necessity during a class session, we ask that you supply the following phone numbers as well; these numbers will not be for public use.

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current community involvement (civic clubs, organizations, volunteer work)? Prior community engagement is not a requirement of the program, but a goal of your participation.

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What specific skills/knowledge do you hope to gain from your participation in Leadership Decatur?

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What do you feel is the most significant challenge facing Decatur?

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How did you hear about Leadership Decatur?

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How do you plan to “give back” to the Decatur community, as a Leadership Decatur Alum?

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## PERSONAL REFERENCES

Please complete each section in its entirety. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

## PROFESSIONAL RESUME/HEADSHOT

Is your professional resume included with your application?  Yes  No

Is your headshot included with your application?  Yes  No

## APPLICANT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Leadership Decatur is a learning experience and requires attendance at monthly meetings, which are full-day sessions, over a period of nine months.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand attendance at the Orientation, Austin trip and Graduation are MANDATORY.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand no more than 2 sessions may be missed due to illness, injury, or emergency and if more than 2 absences occur I will be dropped from the course without a refund.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand the tuition of \$525.00 is payable prior to the Orientation session. I understand that tuition is non-refundable after I have been accepted into the program, agreed to attend, and the 2024 class has been announced publicly.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand the legal consequences of signing this document, including: a) releasing the Decatur Chamber of Commerce from all liability, b) waiving my right to sue the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, c) I assume all risks of participating in this program, including travel to and from activities or any events incidental to this program. I understand the above commitments and agree to be bound by them in the signing of this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Enrollment Application  
Leadership Decatur Class of 2024

## EMPLOYER INFORMATION

**Make sure to complete each section in its entirety. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_

Will your employer be sponsoring your enrollment and paying the tuition?  Yes  No

Is your company/organization a member of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce?  Yes  No

Supervisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## EMPLOYER SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand the time commitment required of my employee to participate in Leadership Decatur, a program of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce.

\_\_\_\_\_ If my employee is selected to participate, I approve his/her absence to attend all the sessions. I understand if my employee does not adhere to the attendance policy, he/she will not be credited with successfully completing the program.

\_\_\_\_\_ My initials also indicates that I agree to make the tuition payment, in full, prior to the Orientation session, and I understand the tuition guidelines. My signature further indicates that the applicant has the approval of our organization and we fully support his/her participation in the program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor's Name (Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor's Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## LEADERSHIP DECATUR CONTACT

Decatur Chamber of Commerce  
106 S. Trinity St., Decatur, TX. 76234 | 940-627-3107 | info@decaturtx.com



## ***Class Requirements***

1. You must attend 7 of the 9 program sessions to graduate. You will not graduate or become an alumnus of the program if you miss more than (15) hours of class time. No Exceptions! It is assumed that you are attending each class. It is very important that you contact the Chamber Office 940-627-3107 if you must be absent for a class.
2. Class is from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM unless otherwise indicated. Plan on staying for the full class. Please do not leave the class early.
3. Be Punctual. The schedule will be very tight on most occasions, and it is discourteous to others to hold up the group.
4. Payment for class is required prior to the first session, or by the end of January.
5. You are required to attend one city council or school board meeting. Bring an Agenda from the meeting you attend to your next class.
6. PARTICIPATE and HAVE A GREAT TIME!

## **2024 CLASS YEAR**

- Session 1 - September 13th – **Orientation/Ropes Course**
- Session 2 – October 11th – **Local Leadership & Economy**
- Session 3 – November 8th – **Education**
- Session 4 – December 13th – **Health Care**
- Session 5 – January 10th – **Leadership Development**
- Session 6 – February 14th – **Industry & Manufacturing**
- Session 7 – March 4th AND 5th – **Austin Trip (Overnight)**
- Session 8 – April 10th – **Public Safety**
- Session 9 – May 14th – **Graduation at Monthly Chamber Luncheon**

**\*ALL classes are from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM except for Graduation which will be held during the May Chamber Luncheon from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM\***