

LEADERSHIP AIKEN COUNTY



2022-2023
Application



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... a learning experience designed to develop leadership in Aiken County through involvement.

Program Purpose

Leadership Aiken County is a comprehensive program designed to identify, develop, and motivate new leadership for the Aiken County community. Program objectives are accomplished through a competitive selection process, intensive team-building activities, and exposure to local issues, regional resources, and various County leaders. Participants learn more about the critical issues of the community than many lifelong residents.

Leadership graduates join a growing network of program alumni who have the knowledge and the opportunity to become valued participants in the community and in the governmental activities that will determine the future of Aiken County.

Program Format

Beginning with a **mandatory** retreat at Camp Gravatt on September 25-27 (4pm on 9/25 until 4pm on 9/27), the class develops an esprit-de-corps which will provide a common ground for working together on present and future community needs. They also take an active role in developing the program of activities for the months to follow, including five mandatory assignments, class project and committee participation.

For eight months, the group meets for day-long (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) sessions each month to explore issues, problems, and opportunities facing Aiken County today and in the future.

2022-2023 Monthly Session <u>Tentative</u> Schedule:	October 11th	Human Services
	November 8th	Education
	December 13th	Cultural Awareness/ Sustaining Quality of Life
	January 10th	Law Enforcement
	February 14th	Government
	March 14th	Horse and History
	April 11th	Healthcare
	May 9th	Economic Development/ Industry

NOTE: Given the importance of attendance, a strict policy will be adhered to for the monthly sessions. **ADDITIONALLY, attendance at the ENTIRE retreat is REQUIRED.**

Participant Selection

Applicants are usually sponsored by current leaders in business, industry, the professions, or government; self-employed individuals are also encouraged to apply. Candidates should be residents of Aiken County and/or employed in Aiken County, possess an interest in the community and possess a desire to use the knowledge gained from this program to improve Aiken County. **The class size is limited to 22 participants. All applications must be received by email or mail no later than August 5th.** In the acceptance notification, information will be provided about a welcome reception to be held prior to the class retreat. While not required, attendance at this reception is highly encouraged to meet fellow classmates, board members, past participants, and ask any lingering questions prior to the start of the retreat.

Program Cost

Tuition for Leadership Aiken County is \$800, which is non-refundable. Tuition covers lodging and meals at the retreat, meals for monthly meetings, training materials, some travel expenses, awards, and all administrative costs associated with the program. Limited scholarships (up to 50% of the tuition) are available. Individuals desiring scholarship assistance should submit a letter stating the reasons for scholarship consideration with the application.

Program Sponsorship

Leadership Aiken County is an independent South Carolina Nonprofit corporation whose Board of Directors has direct responsibility for organizing and running the program. The Leadership Aiken County program draws on volunteers from the community for its development and is coordinated each year by a volunteer selected from past participants.

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The Leadership Aiken County Board reserves the right to reject incomplete applications.

Name

Name _____ for Nametag _____ Date _____

Date of Birth _____ Emergency Contact Name & Number _____

Personal Email Address _____

Home Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Have you applied to LAC in the past? ___ No ___ Yes (Year _____) Cell Phone _____

EMPLOYMENT: (Please write legibly; No Resume or Attachments accepted)

Employer _____ Date Started _____

Present Title _____ Date Assigned _____

Bus. Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____ Work Phone _____

Work Fax _____ Work E-Mail _____ Job Responsibilities _____

Supervisor's Name & Title _____

Supervisor's Address _____

EDUCATION:

Location

Degree/Year

High School _____

College _____

Other _____

MAILING PREFERENCE: ___ Work ___ Home

EMAILING PREFERENCE: ___ Work ___ Home

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Each applicant and their supervisor are required to sign the following attendance policy: No more than 1 of the 8 monthly sessions may be missed during the Leadership Aiken County Program. A sign-in sheet will be maintained for each session. If a participant arrives late, leaves early, or misses any portion of the day, it will be recorded as a missed session. Attendance at the entire retreat, participation in the out of class assignments, class committees and class project will be required.

CODE OF CONDUCT/SERVICE:

As a member of Leadership Aiken County, certain behaviors can bring discredit to Leadership Aiken County and your employer. Any behavior deemed by the Board to bring discredit to Leadership Aiken County or your employer may result in dismissal from the program with no refund.

We have read and understand the above stated policies:

Applicant Signature

Applicant's Supervisor Signature

We agree to sponsor this candidate, to provide the necessary participation time, and to pay the \$800 non-refundable tuition (due at the time of acceptance to the program).

Name & Title of Authorized Signer (**Print**)

Authorized Signature

For consideration in the 2022-2023 Leadership Aiken County Program, this completed application must be received no later than August 5, 2022 (incomplete applications will not be considered; please do not remit payment unless notified of acceptance). Please feel free to submit the application via email.

Return To:

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Please answer the following questions. Use the space provided: do not add any extra pages. **Be sure to answer all questions.**

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

In order of descending importance to you, please list community activities in which you have been involved. These activities can be charitable, religious, civic, business, or government. Describe your specific role and your contributions to the success of that activity.

GENERAL:

Write a paragraph describing why you are applying to Leadership Aiken County. What would you hope to gain from your participation? What talents and skills can you provide Aiken County?

FOCUS:

Aiken County leaders must take an active role in improving the County. What do you see as the most significant problem in Aiken County? What impact can YOU have to improve the County in this area?
