

Leadership DeKalb 2026/2027 APPLICATION

Deadline: June 19, 2026

Please complete and forward this application as soon as possible to:
Leadershipdekalbal@gmail.com

(Type or print in ink - Please make certain that your application is complete and legible. We recommend you save a copy of your completed application for future use.)

PERSONAL

Name _____
last first middle (preferred)

Address _____
street city/state zip code

Cell Phone _____ Personal E-mail address _____

Work E-mail address _____

Date of Birth _____ How long have you lived in DeKalb County? _____

Number of times applied (circle): 1st 2nd 3rd+

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Present Employer _____ Date Began _____

Business Address _____
street city/state zip code

Job Title _____ Business Phone _____

Briefly describe your present job responsibilities: _____

PAST EMPLOYMENT (list last position first, include military duty)

EMPLOYER	TITLE	FROM	TO

EDUCATION (Begin with high school, then college(s), business or trade schools, etc...)

NAME OF SCHOOL	CITY/STATE	DATES ATTENDED	MAJOR & DEGREE

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES (Please list community, professional, civic, religious and other organizations that you are or have been affiliated with and the offices you held.)

HOBBIES (Please list any hobbies or extracurricular activities you are interested in such as your favorite sports team, hiking, sewing, etc...)

PARTICIPATION IN Leadership DeKalb

What do you hope to gain from your involvement in Leadership DeKalb? How do you plan to use your experience?

References: *(if including attachments please include no more than 2 pages)*

Name: _____ Business/Organization _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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COMMITMENT

Leadership DeKalb is a nine-session program, including one overnight session, beginning in August and ending in May with a Graduation ceremony held in May. While we encourage participants to attend all classes of the program, a maximum of one and one-half absence will be permitted throughout the year to graduate. The tuition is non-refundable in whole or part in the event you fail to complete the program due to non-attendance or otherwise.

In addition, class members must participate in a Community Service Project that will require time commitment outside of class, as well as complete 4 additional requirements which include attending one of each: Chamber Event/Function, Government Function and an Education Function and working at a Community Event. Class members are also expected to co-chair at least one program the year following their graduation.

If accepted into the program, you will be billed for tuition in the amount of \$800. The tuition covers all program costs including materials, meals, and transportation. If accepted into the program, the applicant will be expected to pay the tuition in full. This may be paid by the individual or his/her sponsoring business or organization. Tuition must be received within 14 days of notification of acceptance. Tuition will not be refunded after the 14 days.

I understand the purpose for the Leadership DeKalb program, and if selected, will devote the time necessary to complete the program. Although emergencies do arise, any participant who has not met the minimum attendance requirement for whatever reason may be dropped from the program with no tuition refunded. I understand the above commitments and agree in signing this application to be bound by them (electronic signature accepted.)

Applicant's Signature

Date

If chosen, do you have full support of your employer for the time required to participate effectively? _____

Supervisor's Signature

Date

If chosen, who will pay your tuition? (Circle one) INDIVIDUAL or BUSINESS

YOU SHOULD RECEIVE CONFIRMATION OF APPLICATION RECEIPT BY E-MAIL.
APPLICATION SHOULD BE POSTMARKED OR RETURNED ELECTRONICALLY ON OR BEFORE JUNE 19, 2026 TO:

leadershipdekalbal@gmail.com

DO NOT SEND MONEY WITH THIS APPLICATION

YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF YOUR APPLICATION STATUS NO LATER THAN JULY 17, 2026

Please read the following information carefully

- Leadership DeKalb is designed to prepare and build leadership resources within our entire county. The select group of participants will be comprised of leaders and emerging leaders of the area.
- They will receive an intense view of civic and governmental leadership through direct contact with a wide spectrum of institutions that keep DeKalb County solvent and moving forward.
- Leadership DeKalb is an educational opportunity through participatory experiences.

Participant Selection Process

- The Selection Committee shall review all applications and submit nominations to the Board of Directors. In selecting the nominees, the Committee shall attempt to represent a broad spectrum of firms and organizations throughout DeKalb County.
- Those chosen to be members of the Class of 2027 will be notified in mid-July. Upon notification of acceptance, the \$800 tuition check must be received within 14 calendar days or the applicant’s position will be awarded to an alternate.

What are the goals of Leadership DeKalb?

Leadership DeKalb is designed to identify, prepare, and build upon leadership resources within DeKalb County. The objectives of the program are:

- To motivate participants to achieve their leadership potential.
- To bring together participants and other current leaders to discuss the present and future direction of DeKalb County.
- To prepare participants as more effective professionals by sharpening their leadership skills.
- To challenge participants to greater involvement through volunteer roles in the community.
- To examine programs and agencies that currently operate within DeKalb County.
- To create the opportunity for participants to come to know, respect, and establish rapport with each other.

Time requirements/ Schedule

- The applicant and CEO or immediate supervisor is asked to commit to the attendance and participation policies of the program at the time the application is submitted.
- In order to graduate the participant must attend at least 85% of the scheduled programs. Time equivalency is one business day per month (with the exception of the State Government program being an overnight event.)
- The Leadership DeKalb Executive Director will be responsible for monitoring the attendance of the participants.

To graduate, participants are expected to attend at least 85% of the scheduled program. Days are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., unless noted.

Kickoff/Orientation – Mandatory	Tuesday, August 18
Health & Human Services	Tuesday, September 8
Tourism	Tuesday, October 20
Education	Tuesday, November 10
Local Government	Tuesday, January 12
Economic Development	Tuesday, February 9
State Government, Overnight <u>Mandatory</u>	Wed/Thurs, March 10-11 tentative (overnight to Montgomery back by 7:00PM)
Agriculture	Tuesday, April 13
Public Safety	Tuesday, May 11
Graduation	Thursday, May 13

What can participants expect?

Leadership DeKalb will extensively explore Local and State Government, Economic Development, Tourism, Education, Public Safety, Media and Health and Social Services- tours will involve an extensive amount of walking. Numerous speakers representing various programs and agencies will serve as resources for our hands-on look at DeKalb County.

The Selection Committee will choose a class that is representative of the diverse leadership needs of the community. The class is limited to 25 participants. The members of the Class of 2027 will be announced to the public early August.

For additional information regarding the Leadership DeKalb please contact:
 Tricia Shankles leadershipdekalbal@gmail.com

The Leadership DeKalb offers select businesses and organizations sponsorship of its growing and successful programs. These sponsorships help underwrite a portion of each program and allow growth into new areas of leadership development for participants. No program planning responsibilities are required of sponsors.

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