



LEADERSHIP LINCOLN

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The mission of Leadership Lincoln is to develop motivated, committed, and knowledgeable people willing to take leadership roles to make the community a better place to live.

Founded in 1987, **Leadership Lincoln** is a non-profit, all volunteer program. Funding for the program comes from tuition, contributions in-kind, fundraisers and other contribution sources. Our participants are from diverse backgrounds. They are committed to gain expanded knowledge of our community, develop relationships, and acquire skills to assume a more active and effective role in addressing community needs.

Application for Participation in Class 2026-2027

Name: _____

Name you prefer to be printed on items such as name tags, etc. _____

Preferred Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____ Male: ___ Female: ___ Spouse Name: _____

Emergency Contact Name:

_____ Phone: _____ List any dietary

restrictions you may have: _____

Do you have any medical conditions or special needs we should be aware of? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please explain: _____

Employer's Name & Address: _____

Education: Highest degree earned: High School ___ Bachelors ___ Master's ___ Doctorate ___
Other (Specify):

Years in Fayetteville/Lincoln Co: ___ Are you a Lincoln County Registered Voter? Yes ___ No ___

Have you attended Leadership programs in other counties? If so please list _____

Recruited By: _____

(You may use additional paper for comments on this page if needed.)

List, in order of importance to you, up to five community, civic, professional, business, religious, cultural, social, athletic or other organizations in which you have been an active member.

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4. _____

5. _____

What do you hope to gain from your **Leadership Lincoln** experience?

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In your judgment, what are the three most pressing challenges facing Fayetteville and Lincoln County today? Briefly explain why.

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Look forward to a rewarding and educational experience!

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Tuition Fee

A Tuition Fee in the amount of \$400.00 covers the following: Class Retreat (meals and snacks, facility fees, instructor fees and training materials), eight monthly class days (including transportation, breakfast, lunch and snacks), and a class notebook. The Leadership program tuition may be met personally, or by an employer or other sponsor(s).

Select *one* of the following payment options:

\$400.00 to be paid by your employer or other sponsor(s) upon application into the program.

\$400.00 to be paid by class member in full upon application into the program. \$400.00 to be paid by

class member in 5 installments of \$80 on the 8th of Sep, Oct, Nov, Feb, & Mar. \$200.00 to be paid by

class member plus \$200.00 to be paid by employer or other sponsor(s).

Make checks payable to **Leadership Lincoln**. Tuition must be paid in full* by September 6, 2026. **In the case of an individual class member paying installments, the initial payment must be paid by September 6, 2026, and payment in full by March 6, 2027.*

Employer/Sponsor Agreement if Paying Tuition

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Name(s) of sponsor responsible for tuition:

_____ Employer/Sponsor Address:

As employer/sponsor I endorse the application of (Name of applicant) _____
for participation in **Leadership Lincoln** and will be responsible for (check one):

full tuition fee of \$400

half tuition fee of \$200

I understand to graduate the applicant will be away from work and **MUST** attend a mandatory two-day retreat, a full seven of the eight class days each approximately 7:00 am to 5:00 pm and participate in the class project. Legislative Appreciation Day "Hamburger Day on the Hill" may be used as make-up for one class.

Employer/Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submission and Applicant Signature

Return this application (pages 1-3) by mail or drop off at the Fayetteville-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce, 208 Elk Avenue South, Fayetteville, TN 37334 no later than August 5, 2026. An outside night drop is available. All applicants will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance by August 31.

Submit your tuition fee to the same location by September 6, 2026.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Leadership Lincoln Program Fact Sheet

Graduation Requirements

To receive a Leadership Lincoln Certificate of Completion, each participant must accomplish the following:

1. Submit Application for Participation by August 5, 2026. Pay required Tuition by September 6, 2026.
2. Attend the Leadership Lincoln Class Retreat held September 18 & 19, 2026. The Retreat tentatively runs from 8:00 am to 6:30 pm on Friday, September 18th and on Saturday, September 19st from 7:00 am to 12:00 noon. Mandatory "working" lunch and supper are provided on Friday as well as a continental breakfast on both days. (Class Retreat is to be a class member only event for the duration of the weekend.)
3. Attend 7 of the 8 monthly Class Days! Hours for the class days will vary. However, participants should plan to be in class from 7:00am to 5:00pm. Participants are expected and required to attend the entire day and utilize the transportation provided. In the case of an emergency, the Class President must be notified of absence. Legislative Appreciation Day "Hamburger Day on the Hill" normally in March may be used as a make-up day, if needed. Class participants will be expected to show leadership pride by wearing the official Leadership Lincoln polo shirt to each class day or event. Comfortable shoes should be worn as some days require a lot of walking. Closed toe shoes are required on Business & Industry Day.

4. Take an active part in the Leadership Lincoln Class Project. Together as a group, the class will identify and implement a project to benefit the Fayetteville/Lincoln County community. Class must conduct fundraiser(s) to raise money for the Class Project.
5. Attend the following governmental meetings during the class year:
 - Board of Mayor & Alderman
 - Lincoln County Commission
 - Commission Budget Meeting
 - Industrial Development Board
 - Fayetteville City School Board
 - Lincoln County School Board
 - Law enforcement observation

Participants should write a brief summary of each meeting to be turned in to Class President. 6.

Perform individual community service, such as Tennessee Promise Mentor, CASA Advocate, other.

Selection Criteria

- Commitment, motivation, and interest to serve our community.
- Recognized leadership ability or potential in community, civic, professional, and other organizations.
- Interest in, or intentions toward, seeking volunteer roles, public office, various boards, commissions, etc.

All applicants are subject to confidential evaluation. If you are not selected to participate in this Leadership Lincoln class, your biographical data will be retained by the committee for consideration in the next class.

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Tentative Schedule

- Selection of participants to be announced by August 31, 2026.
- Kick-off Dinner - Monday, September 14, 2026 hosted by the Leadership Lincoln Board of Directors. Class members and a guest are invited to meet one another and enjoy a meal to kick off the program.
- Mandatory Class Retreat: September 18 & 19 2026.
- Plan ahead: Program class days will be held the second Thursday of October* through May. Class participants will explore and discover various aspects of our community through lectures, panel discussions, bus and walking tours, and networking. Even residents who have lived here all their lives and think they know “everything there is to know about Lincoln County” gain knowledge during class days.
**Class day will be held during the Lincoln County Schools Fall Break and may be the first Thursday of the month.*



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IMPORTANT DATES

September 14, 2026—Kick Off Dinner

Meet the class and Board of Directors as we kick-off this wonderful program.

September 18 & 19, 2026—Class Retreat

(mandatory) Pack your bags and dress comfortable for an overnight retreat. Lots of team building will be had at this amazing event. You'll even learn a lot about yourself.

October 8, 2026—Agriculture Day

Spend the day getting up close and personal with the largest industries in Lincoln County. Date to coincide with Fall Break.

November 12, 2026—History Day

Travel around the community to visit its rich history.

December 10, 2026—Education Day

Visit both public and private schools to find out how educational fires are being kindled, as well as the challenges facing our educators and students.

January, 2027—Social Services Day

Go behind the scenes of many organizations, agencies and non-profits as they unveil the needs, suffering and solutions in our local community.

February 11, 2027—Local Government Day

Meet your elected and appointed officials, up close and personal, and learn how they keep our city and county thriving.

March 11, 2027—State Government Day

Travel to Nashville for the day for a guided tour of the Tennessee State Capitol and State Museum. Meet state level elected officials and representatives.

March (TBD), 2027—Hamburger Day on the Hill

(optional) Join the Chamber of Commerce as Lincoln County treats the staff at the Tennessee State Capitol to lunch. This can be used as a make-up day.

April 8, 2027—Business & Industry Day

Tour local industries to develop a better understanding of the products, services and contributions they make.

May 13, 2027—Public Safety Day

See first hand the dedication and commitment of our city and county officers and what it takes to keep us safe.

Support Leadership Lincoln BOD fundraisers

Host of Christmas Past November 2026 and Slawburger Festival in April 2027.

APPLY BY AUGUST 5, 2026

RETREAT

The fun begins on the bus ride to Henry Horton State Park where you will share a room with a class member. Room and meals are included. Only class members may attend/stay at the retreat. Completing an online assessment is required prior to the retreat.

CLASS DAYS

The class meets the 2nd Thursday of each month, October—May to explore and discover various aspects of the community. Bus transportation is provided and lots of learning takes place on the bus. Most days are 7:00am-4:00pm.

CLASS PROJECT

Work together with your class to give back to the community. Together, the class will identify and implement a project to benefit the community. Fundraising will be required to raise the project funds.

LOCAL GOV'T MEETINGS Make the rounds to attend one of each during the course of the program.

- * Board of Mayor & Aldermen
- * Lincoln County Commission
- * Lincoln Co. Commission Budget Mtg.
- * Industrial Development Board
- * Fayetteville City School Board
- * Lincoln County School Board
- * ride-a-long with law enforcement

INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE

Find your passion and give back!