

Part II *Personal Information*

Please type the following information on a separate cover page.

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| A. Name | M. Preferred Mailing Address |
| B. Home Address | N. Spouse's Name (if applicable) |
| C. Home Phone | O. Shirt Size: |
| D. Home/Personal E-mail | Indicate Men's or Women's S, M, L, XL, XXL, etc. |
| E. Cell Phone (Chamber use only) | P. Birthday (M/D) |
| F. Employer | Q. Submit a digital photo of yourself with your application or e-mail to ComAsst@bcschamber.org and include your name in the subject line. |
| G. Job Title | R. Please answer YES or NO . If chosen as an alternate and a place became available the morning of the retreat, would you want to be contacted to participate with minimal notice? |
| H. Business/Organization Address | |
| I. Business/Organization Phone | |
| J. Business/Organization Fax | |
| K. Business/Organization E-mail | |
| L. Preferred Name for Nametag | |

Part III *Questions*

Please begin answering these questions on a new page. Do not include your name on the attachments from this point forward. The Chamber of Commerce will code applications upon receipt.

1. Education (college, trade, etc.) List dates attended and degrees obtained
2. Current Employment. Length of Service with present business/organization. Briefly describe your responsibilities.
3. What do you consider your highest responsibility, skill or career achievement, so far?
4. Organizations and Activities. List community, civic, professional, business, religious, social, athletic, and other organizations of which you have been a member, in order of their value to you, during the past five years.
5. How many hours per month are currently committed to community, civic, professional, and other organizations and activities? Have you been as active in these as you desire? Why or why not? If you have previously not been involved, what conditions have changed now that enable you to seek involvement in the community?
6. What do you hope to gain from and/or contribute through your involvement in Leadership Brazos?
7. In your judgement, what are three pressing challenges facing our community today? Give your recommendations for approaching and/or resolving these problems.
8. What qualities do you possess that make you a current or potentially effective leader? Explain your answer in detail.
9. What other things should the selection committee know about you in order to make an intelligent decision about your application for the Leadership Brazos program?
10. Name two persons in this community whom the selection committee will contact for additional information about you. Please list their names, business, title, address and phone.
11. Have you applied for Leadership Brazos in the past? If so when? (List each year, if possible.)
12. How or from whom did you learn about Leadership Brazos?

Submit application to: B/CS Chamber of Commerce, 4001 E. 29th Street, Suite 175, Bryan, TX, 77802
Applications must be received no later than 5:00pm on July 31, 2009 to be considered.

Helpful Hint: Have a previous LB graduate look over your application before you submit it.

Leadership Brazos

2009-2010 Brochure & Application

A PROGRAM OF THE BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Purpose

Leadership Brazos offer the opportunity to stimulate leadership skills by providing an awareness of the area's assets, needs and opportunities. Through this program potential and future leaders are exposed to a range of ideas and experiences that will best prepare them to guide the Bryan/College Station area toward achieving its highest potential.

Leadership Brazos provides a continuing resource of leaders by strengthening those qualities essential to all men and women who wish to serve effectively: knowledge of the community, individual leadership and civic responsibility. In the course of the program, members will develop the skills needed to participate in the processes that form the foundation of civic leadership: team building, significant dialog, creative problem solving and consensus building.



Program

Founded in 1983, Leadership Brazos is a nine-month program sponsored by the Leadership division of the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce. The program includes a mandatory retreat in September, which serves to unify the class and begin the journey of enhancing leadership skills for the betterment of Brazos County. Sessions are generally held on the third Wednesday of each month, with graduation taking place in May. Throughout the program, the participants experience hands-on introductions into the working of Brazos County at a variety of on-site locations. Through tours, panels and the use of quality speakers, each participant is able to better understand the challenges of the community. The eight sessions include: local economy, state and local government, health and wellness, criminal justice, secondary education, arts and communications, higher education and leadership.



Application Deadline: July 31, 2009

Participation

Leadership Brazos promotes diversity and expands awareness by recruiting candidates from all sectors of the community: business, public agencies, non-profit, education and the professions. Candidacy is open to individuals regardless of age, creed, race or philosophy who seek to contribute their particular skills, knowledge and expertise to the betterment of Brazos County. Each applicant, if accepted, commits to an attendance of a year in the program attending monthly all day sessions and a session in the second year to facilitate and plan a day of the program.



Application

Leadership Brazos invites you to apply to be among a select group of outstanding leaders chosen for the 2009-2010 program. Name of applicants will be withheld from the selection committee. The application must be typewritten. The application deadline is July 31, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. No late applications will be accepted. If you need additional copies of the application, or if you have any questions, contact:

Dena Gaskin
Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce
(979) 260-5200 or dena@bcschamber.org.



Tuition

Leadership Brazos is a nonprofit program of the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce. Tuition is \$750 for Chamber members (either employer or applicant) and \$850 for non-Chamber members. To encourage personal dedication to the Leadership Brazos program, all participants are encouraged to pay the first \$150 of the tuition fee. Partial scholarships, based on need are available. Scholarship applications may be requested by contacting Dena Gaskin at the Chamber of Commerce, (979) 260-5200. Completed scholarship applications should be submitted with the Leadership Brazos application. Scholarship recipients will be responsible for the remainder of the tuition.



Alumni

Upon completion, graduates are encouraged to interact with active members of the Leadership Brazos Alumni Association. It consists of over 270 dues paying members. The alumni interact in various ways: networking lunches, volunteering opportunities and promoting the future of the various leadership programs offered by the Chamber of Commerce. The alumni exemplify a continuing presence of Leadership Brazos within our community.

Leadership Brazos Application

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Part I Policies and Requirements

- Attendance Requirements. The Leadership Brazos program begins with a mandatory overnight retreat and will meet monthly for a full day thereafter. The dates currently scheduled for Leadership Brazos 2009-2010 are as follows and **subject to change** with prior notice:
 - Retreat (mandatory) - September 17-18
 - Local Economy – October 21
 - Higher Education – November 18
 - Arts and Communications – December 16
 - Health and Wellness – January 20
 - Secondary Education – February 17
 - State & Local Government – March 24
 - Criminal Justice – April 21
 - Leadership and Graduation – May 19
- The participants of Leadership Brazos 2009-2010 are expected to attend all scheduled meetings of the program. Participants who miss more than 12 hours the program, excluding the retreat, will be dropped from the program. There will be no appeals process or refund of the program fee.
- Participants that complete the Leadership Brazos program will also help to plan and attend a day for the next program.
- Applicant must have employer's support for participation due to time involved to complete the program.
- Applicant must not be an announced candidate for public office at the time of application to the program.
- Applicant must reside in, own or be employed by a business in Brazos County before applying to the program
- A **digital photograph** must accompany this application or be e-mailed to ComAsst@bcschamber.org with your name in the subject line. The photo will not be used in the selection process. Application will be considered incomplete without photo.
- Application will also be deemed incomplete if all questions from the application are not answered. **Application should include: Policies & Requirements form, Personal Information, & Questions.**

The information submitted with this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have read and understand the requirements and will comply if selected for the program.

Applicant's Signature

Date

EMPLOYER CONFIRMATION

This applicant has the full support of his/her employer for participation in the Leadership Brazos program. Further, this employer fully understands the time commitment and attendance policy of the Leadership Brazos program.

Employer's Signature

Date

Employer's Printed Name

Phone Number

Please keep a copy of your entire application including this signed form for your records.