



LEADERSHIP WAYNE CLASS OF 2025-2026 APPLICATION

Leadership Wayne targets individuals:

- with a sincere, commitment, motivation, and interest in serving the community
- who have demonstrated commitment by involvement in community activities
- who are interested in seeking, or intending to seek public office, boards, commissions, or key leadership roles
- who represent all segments of the community
- who have demonstrated leadership qualities or potential for development of those qualities

The cost is \$600 per participant. A \$100 deposit is due with application. The balance of \$500 must be paid on or before Orientation Day (August 2025).

Scholarships are available.

Qualified applicants who may need financial assistance are encouraged to apply.

Application Instructions:

1. **Please type or print the application in full. The application is available from the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce.**
2. **You may attach one additional page, if necessary, to answer questions on application.**
3. **You must include two (2) letters of recommendation with your application: one from a Leadership Wayne alumnus and one from an additional employer or community leader.**
4. **Your completed application should include:**
 - **Signed Program Commitment Form**
 - **Signed Employer Commitment Form (if applicable)**
 - **Signed Liability Waiver**
 - **Signed Scholarship Request Form (if applicable)**
 - **Payment of \$100.00 deposit - Payable to: Wayne County Chamber of Commerce**

Bring or mail the completed application with \$100 deposit to:

Wayne County Chamber of Commerce
ATTN: Leadership Wayne
 261 West Plum Street
 Jesup, GA 31545
 Telephone: 912-427-2028
 Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 am-5 pm

APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 10, 2025



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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

**YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE CHAMBER OR
BE EMPLOYED BY A MEMBER OF THE CHAMBER.**

All applications are confidential, and selection is anonymous. You must provide sufficient information for the Selection Committee to make a determination of your eligibility based on your current skills and commitment to community involvement. To ensure that those selected reflect the diversity of the community, you are asked to specify your sex, race, and/or ethnicity. All questions are optional. Your application will be reviewed by leaders from other communities who form the Selection Committee.

PERSONAL

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Name for Name Badge
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Home Address	City	Zip
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Cell Phone	Business Phone	Email Address
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EMPLOYMENT

Employer	Title	Date Began
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EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION

I, as the applicant's employer, understand that participation is highly encouraged for all sessions. I also understand that a participant may only miss two sessions throughout the course. If a participant misses one of the mandatory sessions, they WILL NOT be eligible to graduate from the program. I, as the applicant's immediate supervisor, approve the submission of this application, the time and financial commitment required to participate in this program.

Signature of Employer	Title	Printed Name	Date
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What have been your most significant professional accomplishments?

List your strongest leadership characteristics. How can you benefit from further leadership training & development or what are some leadership skills you would like to develop during this course?

Why are you interested in becoming a member of Leadership Wayne?

**LEADERSHIP WAYNE
TUITION AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

TUITION:

Tuition is \$600 per participant. A \$100 deposit is due with application. Balance of \$500 must be paid on or before Orientation Day (in August 2025). Many employers pay for their employee's tuition. Tuition is non-refundable and non-transferable. Applicants who are denied entry into the Leadership Wayne Class for which they apply will receive a refund of any deposit paid.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

A small number of scholarships may be awarded depending on the availability of scholarship funds from the Leadership Wayne Alumni and other donors. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need and upon the applicant agreeing to the requirements of the scholarship program. Applicants must state the amount that their employer is willing to contribute toward tuition, any reason why the employer cannot pay the full cost of tuition, and the amount of scholarship funds requested.

**COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ONLY
IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP**

I affirm that I am in need of financial assistance in order to participate in Leadership Wayne. I am requesting a scholarship in the amount of \$_____ (dollars). I further agree that I will do everything in my power to complete all Leadership Wayne programs and events.

Applicant's Signature

Date

APPLICATION COMMITMENT AGREEMENT

By applying to become a member of the Leadership Wayne (the “program”), I agree to follow and abide by the following program rules:

1. I agree to attend all scheduled sessions of the program. I acknowledge that, subject to minor changes which may result from unforeseen scheduling conflicts.
2. My work and personal commitments will not interfere with my ability to attend the program activities.
3. I will be on time to all Leadership Wayne events.
4. Participants are strongly encouraged to attend EVERY program activity.
5. Attendance at Orientation Day, Bonding Retreat, Vision Retreat, and Graduation is mandatory. Failure to complete any one of these events will result in immediate dismissal from the program.
6. To graduate, participants must attend at least eighty percent (80%) of all the program activities. This means that I am allowed to miss no more than two (2) regularly scheduled Leadership days, other than the mandatory days. Exceeding the two (2) allowable absences on non-mandatory Leadership days will result in immediate dismissal from the program.
7. Participants missing Leadership days will not be allowed to “make up” for an absence by attending a similar Leadership Day as part of a subsequent Leadership class.
8. Participants are required to attend all portions of the Leadership days, including meals and transportation aboard the bus (when provided).
9. Absence, as used here for determining the number of allowable absences, means:
 - Absence of four (4) hours or more constitutes a full day
 - Absence of less than four (4) hours constitutes a half day
10. Participants are expected to always conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to the surrounding circumstances. Participants are expected to always act professionally. Engaging in any conduct that is unbecoming of a servant-leader may result in dismissal from the program.
11. Participants must abide by the dress code set for each Leadership Day. Failure to follow the dress code may result in the participant being asked to leave Leadership Day. Any participant asked to leave Leadership Day for violating the dress code will be marked absent from the entire day and such absence will be counted in with any other absences, which may cause the participant to exceed the allowable number of absences and may result in dismissal from the program.

- 12. Dismissal from the program will be handled by the Leadership Wayne Advisory Committee. Reasons for dismissal from the program, include, but are not limited to, failing to attend one of the mandatory days, exceeding the number of allowable absences, and violating program rules. If a participant is dismissed from the program, no refund of any portion of the tuition will be given.
- 13. Participants are encouraged to attend and complete the extracurricular activities which will be detailed at Orientation Day.
- 14. Tuition for the program is \$600.00. A \$100.00 deposit is due upon application to the program. The balance of tuition is due on or before Orientation Day (August 2025).

I have read the information appearing above agree to abide by the rules of the Leadership Wayne program as contained herein or as hereafter amended. I agree to make the commitment required of me as a participant in the Leadership Wayne program, and I affirm that all of the information listed in this application is true.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Signature of Applicant

Applicant's Printed Name

Applications will NOT be accepted after June 10, 2025.

Please do not call to inquire about the status of your application. You will be notified as soon as the selection process is complete.

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Tentative Schedule

August 14, 2025	Orientation	6:00pm
August 21-22, 2025 Overnight trip to St. Simons Island	Bonding Retreat	All day Thursday ½ day Friday
September 18, 2025	History Day	8:00am – 5:00pm
October 16, 2025	Agriculture Day	8:00am – 5:00pm
November 20, 2025	Government Day	8:00am – 5:00pm
December 18, 2025	Business/Industry Day	8:00am – 5:00pm
January TBD 2026 Spend 2 nights in Atlanta	State Capitol Day & Economic Development Day	All day All day
February 19, 2026	Education Day	8:00am – 5:00pm
March 19, 2026	Healthcare Day	8:00am – 5:00pm
April 16, 2026	Georgia Ports Day	8:00am – 5:00pm
May 21, 2026	Jesup DDA & Wayne Co. Tourism	8:00am – 5:00pm
June TBD 2026	Graduation	6:00pm

These dates are subject to change.