



Note from the Lead Forward Committee:

Dear Employer & Community Partner,

The Foundation Board is recruiting the 2026-2027 Leadership Barren County class. Leadership Barren County is a program designed for existing and emerging leaders within the County. Our goal is to educate up-and-coming leaders on the most important opportunities, challenges, and issues within the county and region in order to cultivate diverse and well-rounded leaders to carry our community forward. We hope that your investment in this program will not only help drive the success of your organization and your employees but excite you about the future of leadership in our community.

With this letter, please acknowledge the requirements of the program, as well as tell us why the applicant should be considered for the program.

Sincerely,
The Chamber Foundation Board

Program Agenda Requirements:

- Orientation & Reception-**September 3rd, 2026**-5:30 till 7 PM-**Location TBD**
- Retreat 1-**September 10th through 11th, 2026**-Barefoot Republic Camp (Overnight) **Date**
- **Tentative**
- Economic Development Day-**October 14th, 2026**
- Law & Justice Day-**November 11th, 2026**
- Civic & Non-Profit Day-**December 9th, 2026**
- Education Day-**January 13th, 2027**
- Healthcare Day-**February 10th, 2027**
- Agribusiness Day-**March 10th, 2027**
- Tourism & Quality of Life Day-**April 21st, 2027**
- Retreat 2-**May 13th through 14th, 2027**-**Location TBD** (Overnight)
- Graduation-**May 18th, 2027**-5:30 till 7 PM-**Location TBD**

EMPLOYER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & RECOMMENDATION

The applicant will be required to attend a minimum of six (6) of the seven (7) monthly Day Sessions, perform three (3) community service hours, and attend a minimum of six (6) community activities for graduation. In addition, there will be a group project that will be completed over the course of the 9 months. *If they fail to meet these requirements they will be dropped from the program, forfeiting the admission fee.*

In a few sentences, please tell us why the applicant representing your organization is recommended for the Leadership Barren County program.

Acknowledgement of Requirements:

- ☐ Date and time requirements are understood, and the company will provide ample time for the applicant to fulfill those requirements.
- ☐ Tuition of \$995 will be required upon acceptance of the program, due no later than September 9, 2026.
- ☐ The applicant is over 21 years old.
- ☐ There will only be 20 participants selected. Generally, the Foundation Board will not elect more than one (1) individual from any organization to participate in any given year. If your applicant is not selected, they are encouraged to apply the following year.

Signature, Title, & Date:
