



## 2026-2027 Leadership Barren County Application

The Leadership Barren County program is designed to take a more in-depth look into the many sectors of our community. The goal of the 9-month program is to educate and prepare individuals for leadership roles within Barren County.

A selection committee will review all applications and a personal interview with each applicant will be scheduled. After the interview process has been completed, the committee will select up to 20 applicants to participate in the 2026-2027 Leadership Program. Generally, the committee will not select more than one (1) individual from any firm to participate in the Leadership Program in any given year.

\*Tuition of \$995 will be required upon acceptance of the program and due no later than September 9, 2026. You must be over 21 years old to apply.

### **To successfully complete the program and graduate, the following will be REQUIRED:**

(These dates are subject to change.)

- 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**

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A minimum of six (6) of the seven (7) monthly Day Sessions, three (3) community service hours, and a minimum of six (6) community activities will be required for graduation. In addition, there will be a group project that will be completed over the course of the 9 months.

***\*If you fail to meet these requirements you will be dropped from the program, forfeiting the tuition.***

Upon completion of Leadership Program participants will have the option to become an Alumni Member of the Lead Forward group. If you elect to participate in the Lead Forward Alumni group, you will be billed for \$25 annual dues by the Chamber. Alumni dues will help fund Leadership Scholarships and Lead Forward gatherings.

**This Application Form, the Employer Acknowledgment Form, and TWO (2) Letters of Recommendation (from non-family members) are **due no later than FRIDAY, August 14th, 2026**, at the Barren Inc. office 126 E Public Square, Glasgow, KY 42141.**

1. First & Last Name (Used for a name tag)

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2. Address (Street, City, State)

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3. Mobile Phone

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4. Company

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5. Professional Title

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6. Company Phone

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7. E-Mail Address (best for all Leadership communication)

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8. Emergency Contact Name & Phone

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9. Shirt Size

Mark only one. (Women's Sizes Run Small)

☐ XS

☐ S

☐ M

☐ L

☐ XL

☐ XXL

10. Education Level

Mark only one.

☐ High School

☐ College, no degree

☐ College, degree

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11. Honors & Awards (including degree)

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12. Organizations & Activities – From the past 3 years, list the top five civic, professional, religious, social, or athletic organizations you have been involved with, in order of importance to you. Please include dates involved, positions held, and awards/recognitions received via these organizations.

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13. State in your own words why you feel you should be accepted to participate in the Leadership Barren County Program.

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14. Your employer must acknowledge the requirements of this program and recommend you as an applicant. Upload the Employer Acknowledgment & Recommendation Form here (you may also turn this in directly to the Chamber office). If you did not receive this form, please request it from the Chamber office.

**Files submitted:**

15. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation (from non-family members) are required for a complete application. Upload the Letters of Recommendations here (you may also turn these in directly to the Chamber office).

**Files submitted:**

16. By signing (or typing) your name on this application, you are verifying that you have read and understand the requirements of this program.

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17. Today's Date

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18. If you would like to be considered for a scholarship, please check here. There will be a maximum of two (2) scholarships awarded by the Lead Forward Alumni Fund – one for a non-profit organization, and one for a private business. Barren County Networking Women will also award one (1) scholarship for a Barren County woman in business.

**Check all that apply.**

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Please consider my application for the non-profit organization scholarship.

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Please consider my application for the private business scholarship.

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Please consider my application for the Barren County Networking Women scholarship.