



Leadership Wilkes 2020 is a program sponsored by the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce to develop a group of informed, committed and qualified individuals capable of providing visionary and progressive leadership for Wilkes County.

The program is an in-depth study of management styles, personalities, and involved activities to illustrate positive leadership opportunities. Taking place over a four-month period, Leadership Wilkes 2020 participants have a chance to tour facilities, participate in informative seminars and are enlightened to the resources available to them in Wilkes.

Once participants have completed Leadership Wilkes 2020, they will be well informed and have a foundation for implementing their knowledge and skills to become a progressive citizen & leader.

THE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM:

Area leaders in business, government, education, health care, industry, and tourism enlighten participants on the resources available to Wilkes County citizens. During each session the group will look at topics ranging from non-profits to community infrastructure. The program culminates with a graduation ceremony for participants, their guests, and alumni from previous classes.

LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

Participants are encouraged to attend all Leadership Wilkes 2020 sessions including graduation. Absence from any portion of a session is considered an absence for the day. Attendance reflects the commitment necessary to receive a meaningful experience from your investment in the program. Casual dress is recommended at all sessions.

TO APPLY:

Enrollment in the Leadership Wilkes 2020 program is limited. Candidates are selected on the basis of their previous and potential leadership ability and community involvement. Applications must be received by August 28th, 2020 to be eligible for the program. All applicants will be notified by email regarding acceptance in the program. For more information call 336-838-8662 or email lcheek@wilkesnc.org.

Tuition for Chamber members \$600, non-members \$850

Tuition covers the cost of facilitation, meals, refreshments, travel, and graduation. Non-profit organizations may qualify for partial financial aid. Please indicate scholarship need on the application.

Leadership Wilkes Testimonial:

“When I started the Leadership Wilkes program, I had only been in Wilkes County for about 3 weeks and NC for about 4 weeks. I had just moved to NC and took a job working in Wilkes County. The Leadership Wilkes program helped me quickly learn about the County, its history and all it has to offer. Not only that, but I was able to meet people and make connections that I never would have been able to otherwise while working on improving my leadership skills at the same time. Going through this program has opened doors of other opportunities for me – including serving on the board for the United Way of Wilkes County. I am thankful for the Leadership Wilkes Program and recommend it to everyone – no matter how long you’ve been in Wilkes County.”

Jenny Morgan, HR Generalist
Louisiana-Pacific Building Solutions

LEADERSHIP WILKES 2020 SCHEDULE

All sessions will take place on **Wednesdays from 8:30am-5pm**

*****Please Note: Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, the dates for the sessions listed below are subject to change**

Session 1 - October 14 (Retreat)
Session 2 - October 28
Session 3 - November 11
Session 4 - December 2
Session 5 - January 13
Session 6 - January 27
Session 7 - February 10
Session 8 - February 24
Session 9 - March 10 (Graduation)

Leadership Wilkes 2020 Application

Applicant Information

Name: _____ Date: _____

Company: _____

Job Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Business Address: _____

Street Address

City

State

Zip

How did you hear about the Leadership Wilkes Program?

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Why do you want to participate in this Program?

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Applicant & Employer Agreement

I have read and understand that in order to graduate from Leadership Wilkes 2020, I must attend all sessions.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

This employee has my permission to attend Leadership Wilkes 2020 program. I am aware of the time/attendance requirements and commitments stated in this brochure.

Employer: _____

Employer Signature: _____

Please complete this form and mail, fax or email to:

**Wilkes Chamber of Commerce
Attention: Linda Cheek
PO Box 727, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659
Fax: 336-838-3728
Email: lccheek@wilkesnc.org**

Tuition payment for members \$600, non-members \$850 must accompany application and is nonrefundable.

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Make checks payable to: Wilkes Chamber of Commerce