A Formal Program to Identify, Inform and Motivate Emerging Leaders for Pine Bluff and Jefferson County

LEADERSHIP PINE BLUFF

CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION 2027

Presenting Sponsor:

SARACEN CASINO RESORT

Pine Bluff Regional Chamber of Commerce
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Pine Bluff, AR 71611

Application

(Please type or print legibly)

Must be included with this application:

1. Application fee of $35 (non-refundable)
2. Completed Reference Form (included)
3. Business/professional photo

Application Deadline: December 18, 2026

Date: _____

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Name you would like displayed on nametag/certificate: _____

Home address: _____ E-mail: _____

City, State & Zip _____ Phone: _____

Preferred method of contact: (circle one) a)text message b)email c)phone call

Preferred contact number/email address: _____

EMPLOYMENT / VOCATION

Current employer: _____ Length of employment: ____yrs ____mos.

Current title: _____

Employer Address: _____ Employer Phone: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

List any community, professional, religious, business, or social organizations/activities in which you have participated within the last five years:

Organization:	Dates (mo/yr):	Role:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

What do you hope to gain from participation in Leadership Pine Bluff?

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EDUCATION

Please list high school, college, graduate school, business/trade school or other specialized training.

Name and location of school	From (mo/yr)	To (mo/yr)	Degree	Major
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

In your opinion, what are two (2) primary issues/needs facing our community, and what are your ideas for confronting these situations? (Attach extra page if needed.)

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SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection criteria is based upon each applicant's relevant skills, experience, and/or education, and particularly how these attributes may contribute to further leadership development. Special consideration may be given wherein the applicant's present leadership position and/or leadership growth potential will provide added benefit to the community of Pine Bluff and the Jefferson County area.

EMPLOYER'S COMMITMENT

Due to program attendance requirements, an employer must fully support an applicant in his/her participation in the program. Please have your employer sign the following commitment.

This applicant has the approval of his/her employing organization to fully participate in Leadership Pine Bluff; the organization's support includes acknowledgment and acceptance of the time requirement of the program. The organization also commits to encourage this applicant to utilize his/her leadership skills after graduation (i.e. volunteer opportunities, service on commissions/boards, etc.).

This applicant has the full support of our company/organization for the time required to participate.

_____ Yes _____ No

Signature: _____Company: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

APPLICANT COMMITMENT AND PLEDGE

1. I understand attendance at orientation and all nine (9) monthly sessions is required. I understand that missing more than three program days will result in a) automatic termination of my program participation; b) no refund of any portion of the program fee/tuition; and c) notification of program/tuition forfeiture to my tuition sponsor (i.e. employer, benefactor, etc.).

2. I understand regular program sessions are held on the **third Wednesday of each month** beginning in January and ending in September. Times will vary but usually are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

3. I understand there may be other activities (orientation, assigned activities, meetings, graduation banquet, etc.) in which all participants will be expected to participate. These dates—if and when they occur—will be advertised at least two weeks in advance of the event.

4. I have my company/organization's approval and support for my participation.

5. I understand that some information obtained during the program may be of confidential or proprietary nature and that when notified of such, I am not permitted to disperse, announce, or otherwise share or distribute such information.

6. I understand the Executive Director of Leadership Pine Bluff has the authority to terminate my participation in the program for failure to comply with the requirements of attendance and/or participation.

7. Should I be selected, I understand the $575 tuition fee is due and payable on or before the January orientation and that my selection is provisional until such time as payment is secured.

8. I understand that if the tuition is not secured, I will not be able to participate in the program this year, nor will I be guaranteed participation in the following year(s).

9. I understand this experience is intended to better prepare me to participate in strengthening the community of Pine Bluff and the area of Jefferson County; as such, I pledge to volunteer a portion of my time toward this purpose after graduation.

TUITION AND FUNDING

Tuition for each participant is **$575**. This amount includes administrative program costs, meals, transportation and materials.

Please select how your tuition will be paid:

Personally: $ _____ Sponsor: $_____

Name of Sponsor: _____ Sponsor Signature: _____

Signature of applicant: _____

Name of company/organization sponsoring your nomination: _____

Employer/Supervisor: _____ _____
Print Name Signature

REFERENCE FORM

_____ has applied to be a participant in **LEADERSHIP PINE BLUFF** and has listed you as a reference.

The information requested below will be held in strict confidence. If you have any questions, please call the Leadership Pine Bluff office at (870) 535-0110. **We encourage you to complete this form and return it to the applicant as quickly as possible. Your response is a determining factor during the selection process.**

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? (Please describe)

2. Please describe the applicant in relation to the following criteria:

a) Commitment to community and potential for making a difference in the community:

b) Leadership and organizational skills (or potential leadership growth):

3. Please include any additional comments regarding the applicant you feel is important for us to know:

NAME_____ Date_____

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