



2026/2027 Leadership Lincoln Application

Celebrating its 27th year, Leadership Lincoln remains the county's premier personal development program. The mission of Leadership Lincoln is to grow leadership capacity of the community. The program brings together emerging leaders of diverse backgrounds and experiences. Since Leadership Lincoln began in 1999, over 283 graduates have been engaged in civic, social, community development, business, and government positions throughout the county.

Over a 9-month period, class participants learn more about the county they live and/or work in. This includes opportunities to engage with county, non-profit, business, and government leaders.

Leadership Lincoln Class Objectives:

- To learn and explore Lincoln County's history, development, and modern trends.
- To acknowledge community needs along with approaches, services, and processes to successfully address challenges.
- Through awareness and knowledge, to inspire action-oriented leaders to engage in community decision-making processes.
- To strengthen cross-county engagement and team approaches to community initiatives.
- To build lasting relationships, along with a sense of unity and purpose, among graduates.

Attendance & Commitment:

The class meets from September to May, once a month. A list of dates will be provided once accepted into the class. To graduate from the program, **no more than 1 full day may be missed**. If you are absent more than 1 day, your participation will be reviewed by the leadership committee on a case-by-case basis.

Each Leadership Lincoln Class participates in a class project (chosen by the class members) benefiting the community. Application to the program includes a commitment to participate in the Class Project.

Each class rotation is limited to one participant per business; this ensures more exposure to the community and business leaders throughout the county.

Tuition:

For chamber members: **\$600** and **\$700** for non-chamber members. Tuition assistance may be available for non-profit participants.



Tuition is due in full before the first class. Tuition includes a binder with session information, nametag, leadership shirt, headshot photo, lunches, snacks and drinks, and graduation event. If an applicant cancels within 20 business days prior to the first session, one half of the full tuition will be forfeited. If cancellation is 19 or less business days prior to the first session, the entire tuition is forfeited.

Statement of Attendance & Commitment:

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Participants attend a total of 9 full day sessions, and a graduation ceremony will be held in June of 2027. To graduate, attendance at all scheduled events is expected. **No more than 1 full day may be missed to complete the program and graduate.**

Do you commit to the attendance and participation guidelines above?

Yes

No

Comments/Notes:

If employed, does your employer support your participation in the 0.04 – 0.05 Leadership Lincoln Program?

Yes

No

Comments/Notes:

If selected as a Leadership Lincolnton participant, I will commit the necessary time and effort to complete the program. I understand no more than 1 full day session can be missed to complete the program and graduate.

Signature of Class Participant



Printed Name of Class Participant & Date Signed

Personal Data

Name (First and Last)

Preferred Name (For nametag)

Employer/Business/Organization Name

Employer/Business/Organization address (or home address if you are not employed by a chamber business)

Email Address

Cell Phone Number

Emergency Contact Name

Emergency Contact Relationship

Emergency Contact Phone



To help us ensure a safe experience, please list any required dietary needs, medical restrictions, or physical limitations we need to take into consideration.

Employer Data:

Job Title and Length of Employment

Job Responsibilities

Job related certifications, licenses etc.:

Direct Supervisor Name / Title

Direct Supervisor Contact Number

Direct Supervisor Contact Email

Community, civic or service activities you participate or have participated in.



By signing below, you understand and agree to all the statements on this application.

Signature of Class Participant

Printed Name of Class Participant & Date Signed

Please submit your completed application to adminassist@lincolinchambernc.org.

Questions? Email us at adminassist@lincolinchambernc.org or call (704) 735-3096.

Applications are due by July 22, 2026.



Release of Liability Form (must be signed to participate in the program)

In consideration of agreeing to participate in the Leadership Lincoln program, the Participant hereby releases the (i) Lincolnton Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce (the "Chamber"), its agents, officers, employees, Leadership Lincoln volunteers and (ii) any third parties providing facilities or work space access to the Participant while engaged in the Leadership Lincoln program, from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or relating to any loss, damage or injury that may be sustained by the Participant or any property of the Participant while engaged in or under the control or supervision of the Chamber during the course of the Leadership Lincoln program. The Participant is duly aware of the risk and hazards inherent in participating in physical activities associated with trust and team building activities of Leadership Lincoln and is also aware of the potential risk and dangers inherent in workplaces and other locations the Participant may visit during the Leadership Lincoln program. The Participant hereby voluntarily assumes all risk of loss, damage or injury that may be sustained by him or her or any property belonging to or in the possession of the Participant while engaged in the Leadership Lincoln program. Furthermore, to the extent that negligent or reckless actions of the Participant may cause damage to the workplace or facilities of third parties assisting with the Leadership Lincoln program, Participant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Lincolnton Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce from liability for such damage or injuries to third practices attributable to the negligent, reckless and/or intentional acts of the Participant.

Signature of Class Participant

Printed Name of Class Participant & Date Signed

Photograph and Media Release

I understand photographs and videos may be taken of the class participants during the Leadership Lincoln program. I consent to such photographing and videotaping for the use by Leadership Lincoln and The Lincolnton Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce, without compensation, of my name, image, likeness, whether in film, photographs, or any other media for the promotion by The Lincolnton Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Lincoln.

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