

DEADLINE: Friday, September 5, 2025, 5:00 PM
(No applications will be considered after this date.)

Name of Applicant: _____

PURPOSE: To develop and cultivate annually emerging community leaders who dedicate themselves to the betterment of Clayton County and its citizens. Leadership Clayton is a leadership development program sponsored by the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce since 1972. Each year Leadership Clayton engages emerging and existing leaders in a ten-month program that broadens their knowledge of the issues, sharpens their leadership skills, and challenges themselves and others to seek solutions to the issues affecting our communities.

CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT

INSTRUCTIONS

- Fully complete each section, limit answers to the space available.
- Application **MUST be typed** and **SIGNED BY APPLICANT AND EMPLOYER** (if applicable).
- No extra pages or letters of recommendation are allowed.
- **If selected, tuition of \$1250; Chamber Members/ \$1700; Non-Members (payment or purchase ordernumber) is due by the ORIENTATION (November 6, 2025) (NON-REFUNDABLE).**

SELECTION CRITERIA

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE CHOSEN BY THE LEADERSHIP CLAYTON SELECTION COMMITTEE BASED UPON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION. Members of the selection committee include Chamber board members, and Leadership Clayton Alumni.

Participation in the LEADERSHIP CLAYTON program is open to existing and emerging community leaders living and/or working in Clayton County. Up to 25 individuals will be selected to participate in the program. Since the number of participants is limited, nominees who are not selected are encouraged to reapply in subsequent years.

Applicants must have the full support of the organization or corporation they represent. Attendance at the monthly sessions is mandatory, as well as small group meetings.

PLEASE TYPE

If chosen, this individual has my full support to attend necessary meetings within this program.

Supervisor's Name _____ Supervisor's Signature _____

Company _____ Address _____

Supervisor's Email _____ Supervisor's Phone Number _____

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

_____ Date Application Received

_____ Number of Times Applied

_____ Nominated By

Application available online at www.claytonchamber.org. Print the application and submit in email or hard copy format. Email: info@claytonchamber.org



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Confidential Application**

Please complete all information.

Date _____

T-Shirt Size: ☐ **S** ☐ **M** ☐ **L**

I. PERSONAL DATA

(Check one) ☐ **XL** ☐ **XXL** ☐ **XXXL**

Name _____

Last

First

Middle

Name or Nickname Preferred _____

Male _____

Female _____

Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____

City

Zip Code

Business Address _____

City

Zip Code

Home/Cell Phone _____ Business Phone _____

E-mail _____

Correspondence Preference (Check all that apply)

Mail ☐ Email ☐ Phone (Office) ☐ Phone (Cell) ☐ Text ☐

Spouse Name (if applicable) _____

Children (names and ages) _____

Hobbies _____

II. EDUCATION *[Begin with high school, college(s), advanced degrees and/or specialized training.]*

A. Name and Location of School	Dates (from-to)	Degree	Major

B. Special Awards for Academic Performance:

C. Extracurricular Activities: *(Leadership positions held, special honors/awards received during school years)*

III. EMPLOYMENT

Present Employer _____ Service Date _____

Type of Organization _____

Title or Responsibility _____ Since _____

A. Briefly describe your responsibilities:

B. List previous employment beginning with the most recent: *(Include active military duty)*

Employer	Title/Responsibility	From	To

C. What do you consider your most satisfying career achievement to date?

D. Business/Professional Affiliations (if any):

(Not including civic organizations, public office, or political activities)

Name of Group	Position Held or Assignments	Period of Affiliation
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IV. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

A. Include most recent community, civic, religious, political, government, social, athletic, or other activities. If you are new to the community, list involvement in previous location. Do not include business/professional activities.

1. Organization _____

Assignment/Position _____

Describe Responsibilities _____

2. Organization _____

Assignment/Position _____

Describe Responsibilities _____

3. Organization _____

Assignment/Position _____

Describe Responsibilities _____

B. What do you consider to be your most important accomplishment in one of the above organizations? Why?

C. If you had one week to devote entirely to community service, what would you do and why?

D. If you have not had the time or interest to become actively involved, what conditions have changed that now enable you to seek involvement in the community?

V. GENERAL INFORMATION

(One of the goals of LEADERSHIP CLAYTON is to build a network of community leaders who can enhance their problem-solving and other leadership abilities through shared perspectives and working together.)

A. Why are you applying to Leadership Clayton?

B. Discuss one specific problem you've observed in Clayton County. Tell why it's important, the issues it raises, and make at least one suggestion for its solution.

C. Why should you be chosen for Leadership Clayton?

VI. TUITION - \$1250; Chamber Members/ \$1700; Non-Members

A tuition fee for this program is set by the Leadership Clayton Advisory Council annually. The fee covers all expenses (personality assessment, session facilitators, program materials, professional head shot, tee-shirt, meals and lodging) for all meetings during the program; transportation is limited. Employers and/or sponsors of participants are encouraged to pay this tuition; however, participants may share in this cost as well as out-of-pocket expenses for team projects. Tuition is required for each individual but is not intended to prevent or limit participation. **Tuition payment or purchase order number must be received by ORIENTATION (November 6, 2025). Tuition is NON-REFUNDABLE.**

VI. COMMITMENT

1. Orientation/Program Overview – Thursday, November 6, 2025. **Required–no exceptions.**
2. Class Retreat – Wednesday & Thursday, April 1 & 2, 2026; Overnight stay. **Required–no exceptions.**

3. Graduation/Project Presentations – Thursday, October 1, 2026 **Required-no exceptions.**
4. Community educational seminars/tours/meetings – There will be approximately 10 local sessions/meetings conducted over the course of the program – usually a full day, but at least two sessions are half day. **To be considered present, you must attend ALL segments of a session. ***
5. Community development projects – All participants will work on a community development project during the program. Small group meetings will be called as necessary.

***Note: Emergency absences are handled on an individual basis.**

APPLICANT'S SIGNED COMMITMENT

I understand the purpose of the LEADERSHIP CLAYTON program, and if I am selected, I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the program. I understand that emergencies arise; however, repeated tardiness and absences from program meetings may result in my being dismissed from the program and that no portion of the tuition shall be refunded. I understand the above commitments and agree to be bound by them in signing this application. To graduate from the LEADERSHIP CLAYTON program, attendance is mandatory.

Applicant Signature _____

_____ **Date**

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE (SEPTEMBER 5, 2025 | 5:00 PM)

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