

2018 - 2019



“Progress through Leadership”

Leadership Giles continues to produce high quality community leaders, cultivating their community awareness and developing their focus for continuous improvement.

Giles County Chamber of Tourism & Commerce
110 N. Second Street
Pulaski, TN 38478

www.gilescountychamber.com

Mission

Leadership Giles exists to recognize and nurture leadership talents from diverse backgrounds and experiences, who have a demonstrated talent and commitment for leadership, and who are interested in helping direct the future of Giles County and Pulaski.

Purpose

To facilitate, stimulate and develop future leaders through a nine month program of direct exposure, interaction and activities in various aspects of the community, with the goal of building a consensus among participants, and fostering personal and professional relationships.

Program

Class meetings begin in August and continues once each month until graduation in May of the following year. Each class meeting exposes members to various aspects of Giles County and covers a wide array of topics including local and state government, social services & health, agri-business, education, public safety, business & industry, as well as arts and heritage.

The seminar format will consist of information and discussion on issues related to leadership topics. In addition, the participants will experience decision-making and leadership styles. The program formats vary, but each will include ample opportunity for participant involvement and interaction.

In addition to the class days and required meetings, class members must also work together to raise funds and complete a class project. This project is an important team-building exercise and gives the class a chance to leave their mark on the community. Regardless of the project start date, the project plan must be completed and presented at the graduation in May.

Selection Criteria

Participants will be chosen by a Selection Committee, and are subject to the approval of the Leadership Giles Committee, a volunteer committee of alumni that administers the program. The committee seeks representation from a cross-section of the community – business, industry, education, government, community-based organizations, ethnic and minority groups.

Basic Criteria that must be met by all applicants:

1. The candidate must live or work in Giles County and must have the endorsement and commitment of his or her employer.
2. The candidate must understand and accept the program's expectations regarding attendance, community project and other program guidelines.
3. The candidate must have a sincere commitment to serve the community demonstrated by detailed and specific information provided in this application.

In reviewing applications, the Selection Committee looks for potential participants who demonstrate the following:

1. Commitment and motivation to serve the Giles Country area.
2. Ability to make the time commitment required by the program.

Attendance

Leadership Giles requires a strict time commitment. A "get-acquainted" reception is held prior to the first class start date. Class members must attend a minimum of 80% of the sessions and participate in the community project with classmates. The community project may take additional time out of day sessions. Full participation is best in order to get the most out of the activities of the program.

Leadership Giles 2018-2019 Schedule

(Dates may change based on tour arrangements)

August 15 – Opening Retreat
August 16 – Leadership & Teambuilding
September 20 – Agriculture
October 18 – Business & Industry
November 15 – Local Government
December 20 – Social Services & Healthcare

January 17 – Heritage & Arts
February 21 – Education
March TBD – State Government*
April 18 – Public Safety
May 16 - Graduation

Tuition

The tuition fee for Leadership Giles is a non-refundable \$350 for Chamber members and \$400 for non-Chamber members. This covers study materials, meals, registration, graduation and expenses related to class participation. Tuition is due before the opening retreat. **No refund of tuition will be issued for any reason beyond one week prior to the opening retreat. Please give serious consideration to all criteria, requirements, involvement and attendance mandates before applying. If you have any questions, please call 931-363-3789.**

Application Deadline is Friday, August 3rd



1. Personal Data

Name _____ Preferred Name _____
Last First Middle (For Name Tag)
Home Address _____
Business Address _____
Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____ Cell Phone Number _____
Email address _____
How did you hear about Leadership Giles? _____

2. Education

Briefly summarize your educational background. List degrees/certificates received, dates, field of study, vocational training programs, professional institutes, etc. List extra-curricular activities and special honors received.

A. Name & Location of School Dates (from/to) Degree Major

B. List special award/honors or leadership positions during school years.

3. Employment (*May attach additional page(s), if necessary*)

Present Employer _____	Title/Responsibility _____	Since _____
Employer _____	Title/Responsibility _____	From _____ To _____
Employer _____	Title/Responsibility _____	From _____ To _____

4. List Business/professional affiliations, positions/assignment held and period of affiliation.

5. What do you consider your highest career achievement to date?

6. Future Community Involvement

Would you be willing to accept a position on a board and/or committee within the community: Yes/No

Does your job afford you the flexibility to pursue such interests? Yes/No If yes, when? _____

7. Community Needs (*Please attach a separate page*)

In your judgement, what are the three most pressing problems facing Giles County today? Explain your choices and give recommendations you have for approaching and resolving these problems.

One of these problems *may* be selected as a possible project for your class to complete.



8. General

What specific skills/knowledge do you hope to gain from your participation in Leadership Giles?

9. Participant Commitment

To graduate from Leadership Giles, a participant is required to attend all monthly full-day sessions, August through May. No more than two absences are allowed. Participants must attend all portions of a full-day session in order to graduate. Tuition is not refundable if the participant does not complete the program.

I understand the purpose and commitment of the Leadership Giles program and if I become a participant, I will devote the required time.

Signature Date

10. Sponsoring Organization/Corporation Commitment

This candidate has my full support to participate in Leadership Giles. I am aware of the time commitment involved in his/her effective participation, as well as the financial obligation. I also understand that if this individual is selected and is unable to complete the program, no portion of the tuition will be refunded. The same is true if this individual changes places of employment during the program.

Tuition for each Chamber member participant is \$350, non-members \$400. Will you be able to fulfill this financial commitment? Yes/No

Signature Corporation/Organization

Title

Print Name Date

Applications must be signed by both sponsor and candidate and returned no later than 5:00 PM, Friday, August 3, 2018 to:

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***All applicants will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance no later than Wednesday, August 8.
Tuition must be paid in full prior to orientation.***
