



Leadership Stephenville is a program sponsored by the **Chamber of Commerce** which challenges its participants to make a difference in the community, to make a positive contribution to our quality of life, and to be prepared to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Here are some facts about the program:

Leadership Stephenville is an investment.

By creating a leadership pool for the present and the future, Leadership Stephenville is truly an investment in our community. Leadership Stephenville strives to ensure continuity of leadership for the community. Participation in the program is a commitment to take the contributions from former leaders and to build on that foundation. Through Leadership Stephenville, potential leaders are identified. The program creates an awareness of community resources and needs, while enhancing existing leadership skills.

Leadership Stephenville is a challenge.

A series of nine full-day sessions (one day each month) offer learning opportunities and challenge participants to become actively involved in building a better tomorrow for Stephenville. Sessions focus on the following important issues: Industry, City/County Government, Education, Health, Agriculture, Transportation, Communication, and Quality of Life.

Leadership Stephenville is a commitment.

Leadership Stephenville requires a commitment from completion of the application through graduation. This commitment involves one day per month for regular sessions that run September through May. A tuition of \$350 covers meals, transportation and other program expenses. Scholarship information is available for ½ tuition to qualified applicants.

Leadership Stephenville unites participants.

Leadership Stephenville will begin with a mandatory orientation and ROPES course that will acquaint the participants with each other and the program. This first session is the essential step in creating bonds and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Leadership Stephenville is an opportunity.

We invite you to apply to participate in the upcoming Leadership Stephenville class. You'll find it will be a wonderful experience as well as a solid investment in your community. Applications are available at The Chamber office located at 187 W. Washington on the Downtown Square. **JULY 31st IS THE APPLICATION DEADLINE.** Participants will be notified by August 19th.

Leadership Stephenville is ongoing.

Upon completion of the program, Leadership Stephenville participants are eligible for membership in the Alumni Association. Alumni members assist the organization in continuing the process of leadership development. The Alumni Association provides a continuing education forum for past participants, including programs dealing with issues of importance to Stephenville.

For more information about the Stephenville Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Stephenville program, log on to www.stephenvilletexas.org or call 254.965.5313.

LEADERSHIP STEPHENVILLE

CLASS YEAR 2015-2016

A Program of the Stephenville Chamber of Commerce



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Please complete each section in **full** (incomplete applications will not be considered).
- If you have any questions while filling out the application, please contact the Chamber office at 254-965-5313.
- **Deadline for receiving applications is July 31, 2015.**
- Please print in **black or blue ink** or type answers into fillable form.
- Limit answers to available space. **No attachments will be considered.**
- Application must be signed by the applicant and sponsor (if applicable).
- Chosen applicants will be notified by **August 19, 2015.**
- Each individual selected for participation in Leadership Stephenville, or that person's employer, will be required to pay a tuition fee of \$350 for the program.
- Mail completed application to:
Leadership Stephenville, P.O. Box 306, Stephenville, Texas 76401
Or bring completed application to the Chamber office at 187 W. Washington.
*Applications may also be emailed to: julyd@stephenvilletexas.org

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Application to Leadership Stephenville is open to persons living and working in the Stephenville area. A minimum of 12 and maximum of 16 individuals will be selected.
- *Participants are chosen by the Leadership Stephenville Selection Committee based upon the information on this application.* The Committee seeks representation from a cross section of the community including business, agriculture, industry, education, the arts, religion, government, community-based organizations, retired residents, etc.
- Applicants must have the full support of the organization or corporation they represent.
- Due to class size limitations, depending on the number of applicants, the committee may limit selections to no more than one participant from a single company.
- Applicants who are not accepted due to class size limit are urged to reapply the following year.
- **Attendance at orientation, retreat and monthly sessions is mandatory.**
Those who fail to attend will forfeit their program participation and tuition.
- In reviewing applications, the Selection Committee looks for potential participants who demonstrate the following criteria:
 1. Commitment and motivation to serve the Stephenville area.
 2. Policy shaping responsibility or position of leadership in employment and/or volunteer organizations resulting in the potential to have significant influence on important community issues.
 3. Ability to fulfill the time commitment required by the program.

LEADERSHIP STEPHENVILLE APPLICATION: CLASS OF 2016

PERSONAL DATA

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Preferred Name: _____ Male Female Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____ Zip _____ Phone# _____

Home E-Mail Address _____ Cell Phone# _____

Years in Stephenville Area _____ T-Shirt Size _____ Polo Shirt Size _____

Business Address _____ Zip _____ Phone# _____

Business E-Mail Address _____ Fax# _____

Where do you prefer your mail sent? HOME OFFICE email sent? HOME OFFICE

Are you a registered voter in Erath County? YES NO

PROGRAM DETAILS

- To graduate from Leadership Stephenville, a participant is expected to **ATTEND ALL SESSIONS**. Those who fail to attend a meeting could forfeit their participation in the program.
- Orientation** will be held **Wednesday, September 9, 2015** (3:30 pm – 6:00 pm).
- Retreat:** Ropes Course/Skills Training will occur on **Thursday, September 10, 2015** (7:30 am – 5:00 pm).
- ONE full day per month:** Sessions will be held the second Thursday of each month October through May (with the exception of March which will be the third Thursday due to Spring Break).
Class Dates are: September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 17, April 14, May 12. Monthly sessions will run from 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Graduation will be Thursday, May 19, 6:30 pm.
- TUITION OF \$350 IS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2015.**
- Scholarship funds are available through the Alumni Association for up to half the tuition for those that qualify.
- Unapproved late arrivals and/or early departures from a session will constitute an attendance review by the Alumni Board of Directors.
- Dropout or withdrawal from program after September 1, 2015 will forfeit tuition.
- Participants will be expected to participate in at least one Chamber Committee/Activity.

COMMITMENT

The goal of the Leadership Stephenville program is to identify, educate and encourage community leaders to use their leadership skills for the long-term benefit of our community. When selecting class participants, priority status will be given to those who have a positive response to the following statements. Please check all that apply to you.

I have a sincere commitment, motivation and interest to serve the Stephenville community.

I have an occupational commitment to remain in the Stephenville area.

I have an interest in holding public office or being involved in key volunteer leadership roles in the community.

I will be able to attend and actively participate in the orientation and retreat.

I will commit to attend the monthly sessions to be held on the second Thursday of each month.

I am willing to commit additional out-of-class time for work on a class project and suggested out-of-class experiences throughout the year.

Will you be able to fulfill this commitment?

I understand the goals and commitment requirements of the Leadership Stephenville program.

If selected, I will devote the required time and pay my tuition by **SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I. EMPLOYMENT

Present Employer _____ Date of Hire _____

Type of Organization _____

Title or Responsibility _____ Since _____

List previous employment in reverse chronological order. Include active military duty.

Employer	Title/Responsibility	Dates (From-To)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

II. EDUCATION

List schools/universities attended, degrees received and/or specialized training.

A. Name/City of School	Dates (From-To)	Degree
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

B. Special Awards/Honors

C. Any Additional Education

III. PERSONAL REFERENCES

Please list 2 persons other than your sponsor who are knowledgeable about your leadership performance and potential.

Name _____ Phone _____

Title _____ Organization _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Title _____ Organization _____

IV. ACTIVITY DATA

A. What have you done (anywhere, anytime) that has made you care about your community?

B. Please list major volunteer leadership role(s) at this time:

1. Organization _____ Position _____
Describe Responsibility _____

2. Organization _____ Position _____
Describe Responsibility _____

3. Organization _____ Position _____
Describe Responsibility _____

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

D. Please list, in order of importance to you, up to three civic, professional, business, religious, social, community, athletic, or other organizations of which you are or have been a member.

Organization	Dates of Membership
1. _____	_____
Responsibility _____	_____
2. _____	_____
Responsibility _____	_____
3. _____	_____
Responsibility _____	_____

E. How much time each month do you commit to volunteer work? _____

F. What kind of volunteer activities would you like to become active with in the future? _____

V. GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS

One of the goals of Leadership Stephenville is to build a network of community leaders who can enhance their problem solving and other leadership abilities through shared perspectives and working together. *Please give considerable thought to the following questions and share your answers thoroughly in complete sentences.*

A. What do you feel are the three most significant **problems/challenges** facing Stephenville today?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

B. What do you feel needs to be done on one of these issues?

C. What do you feel are the three most notable **opportunities** Stephenville has to offer?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

D. What do you feel needs to be done to develop one of these opportunities?

E. **What specific skills/knowledge do you hope to gain from your participation in Leadership Stephenville?**

SPONSOR SUPPORT: *This applicant has my full support to participate in Leadership Stephenville. I am aware of the time commitment involved in his/her effective participation, as well as financial obligation. (This must be signed by the firm's chief executive officer or immediate supervisor, if other than the applicant.)*

Name: _____ Title _____

Organization _____

Signature _____ Date _____