



*Leadership Jackson County  
2025  
Confidential Application*

**WHAT IS LEADERSHIP JACKSON COUNTY?**

It is the 35<sup>th</sup> annual leadership program of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, designed to identify, educate, and motivate existing and emerging leaders to become involved in the future of Jackson County, Mississippi. The program is a nine-month course focused on expanding community awareness and building leadership skills. The group is sought from all segments of government, industry, education, small business, healthcare, financial, professional, and geographic areas. Candidacy is open to all, regardless of age, creed, race, or philosophy who seek to contribute their particular skills, knowledge, and expertise to the betterment of Jackson County, Mississippi.

**WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM?**

LEADERSHIP JACKSON COUNTY consists of a variety of “Go-See-Hear-Do” activities highlighting local industries, healthcare, legislation, law and public safety, natural environment, education-workforce development, governmental affairs, economic development, small businesses, tourism, and human services.

**WHAT ARE THE MEETING DATES AND WHERE?**

LEADERSHIP JACKSON COUNTY begins in January 2025. Full-day sessions extend from January to September 2025. Each session runs roughly from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A schedule is forthcoming.

**WHO CAN APPLY?**

Anyone who lives or works in Jackson County, Mississippi, or whose company serves the Mississippi Gulf Coast Region, may apply.

**Instructions: It is important that each section is fully completed.**

Complete each section fully. Limit answers to the space available. Application must be signed by both the applicant and employer/sponsor and returned to the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. The completed application must be submitted electronically to [catherine@jcchamber.com](mailto:catherine@jcchamber.com) by **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2024.**

*A completed application includes:*

1. Original application
2. A letter of recommendation from the employer. If self-employed, a letter from a professional colleague.

*Selection Criteria:*

A committee of LEADERSHIP JACKSON COUNTY graduates and community leaders oversees the selection process. Committee members account for the quality of answers to the questions on this application, the level of involvement and service to the community, and the recommendation letter. The class size is limited to 30 participants. The chamber will notify applicants by December 18, 2024.

*Attendance*

A participant who misses more than two sessions will be automatically dropped from the class.  
**Tuition is non-refundable.**

***APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON December 4, 2024.***

*PERSONAL INFORMATION*

*Date:*

Name (for certificates):

Preferred Name:

Home Address:

Business Address:

Business Phone:

Preferred Phone:

Emergency Contact and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (personal and corporate):

- 1.
- 2.

Length of residence or period of employment in Jackson County:

Do you have any food allergies or health issues that need to be considered for participation in the program?

EDUCATION and TRAINING (begin with most recent)

School(s)

City/State

Degree(s) or Certification(s)

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION (begin with most recent)

Present Employer:

Length of Employment:

Present Title or Responsibility:

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT (include active military duty)

Employer

Position

Duration

BUSINESS AFFILIATION/CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS/ACTIVITIES:

List community, civic, professional, religious, social, athletic, and other organizations of which you have been a member. List them in order of importance to you during the past three years.

Organizations

Date

Position Held/Contribution

What plans do you have for your future in terms of your career, civic, and community affairs?

How did you learn about Leadership Jackson County?

What skills, interests, and abilities would you bring to the program?

What are the three most significant problems facing Jackson County?

What could be done about one of these issues?

What are the three most notable opportunities Jackson County has to offer?

What could be done to develop one of these opportunities?

Explain what you hope to gain from your Leadership Jackson County experience (your expectations in order of priority).

*2025 Leadership Jackson County Schedule of Events*

- Session One – January 16, 2025
- Session Two – February 6, 2025
- Session Three (two days) – March 6 - 7, 2025
- Session Four – April 3, 2025
- Session Five – May 1, 2025
- Session Six – June 5, 2025
- Session Seven (two days) – July 17-18, 2025
- Session Eight – August 7, 2025
- Session Nine – September 4, 2025
- Graduation – October 9, 2025

*TUITION*

If accepted into the Leadership Jackson County Program, each participant will be billed for the tuition fee of **\$1,500**, which covers all program costs, transportation, meals, and materials. Tuition is due before Session One. Payment can be made by company or personal check, credit card, or online.

*TUITION ASSISTANCE*

Tuition assistance may be available. If needed, contact Paige Roberts, President & CEO at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, with specific questions. Email [paige@jcchamber.com](mailto:paige@jcchamber.com).

*APPLICANT AGREEMENT*

I understand the importance of LEADERSHIP JACKSON COUNTY. If selected as a participant, I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the program. I understand attendance is mandatory at all sessions. Furthermore, I understand that I am required to be present during the monthly sessions from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. **If for any reason, I withdraw from the program after the opening retreat, I agree to forfeit all claims to a tuition refund.** I understand the above commitment and agree to

be bound by it. I further agree that I am personally responsible for securing payment of the tuition (from employer, organization, or individual sponsorship). **The tuition is \$1,500.** **Any participant missing more than two sessions, for whatever reason, may be withdrawn from the program with no refund of tuition.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

This application has the approval of the undersigned organization, and the applicant has our full support and commitment, which includes the time and resources required to participate.

**Employer Signature/Company/Title/Date:**

**Employee Signature/ Company/Title/Date:**

***Return completed form to:***

*Catherine Raynal*

Email – [catherine@jcchamber.com](mailto:catherine@jcchamber.com)

Attention: Leadership Jackson County Program  
Jackson County Chamber of Commerce

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