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The Chattooga Chamber would like to invite you to nominate a candidate from your company or organization to participate in **Leadership Chattooga 2026**. The purpose of this program is to provide emerging community leaders with a greater awareness of community issues, needs, services and resources. Equipping our future partners in business, government and community with the tools they need to be effective and successful leaders in their respective fields is the goal of the Chattooga Chamber of Commerce, and we appreciate your continued support to reach that goal each year.

The application process is simple, asking for basic information from both the candidate and the company or organization for which they work. The form is on the next page, or you may apply online through our Facebook page or on our website: [ChattoogaChamber.org](https://www.ChattoogaChamber.org). Click the "What We Do" tab and select "Leadership Development" from the dropdown menu.

Orientation begins January 22, 2026 and sessions will be conducted (*usually*) the third Thursday of each month (Feb-Nov; Project Day in June; OFF in July). The course will begin with an orientation session conducted by Heather Casey of LeadStrong 4:14 and Diane Vinyard with Living Life on Target. **The orientation session is required.**

There will be eight additional full-day sessions planned covering the following:

- Relationship-Building is Key
- Effective Communication
- Understanding Values
- Community Diversity
- Collaboration
- State Capitol Visit
- Work Ethics
- Putting Into Practice: Team Building & Scavenger Hunt

This opportunity is limited to twelve participants from Chattooga County. Minimum age is 18; no one is too old for the program. The sessions will usually begin at the Civic Center<sup>A</sup>. From there, we may then visit other points of interest around the county and region. The Chamber will provide transportation for field trips, if available. Participants must be able to board and travel in the county van or make arrangements to be transported in a personal vehicle.

A one-day visit to Atlanta will be planned according to our state representative's schedule and pertinent activities going on in the State Capitol and elsewhere in Atlanta.

## Deadline to apply is January 2, 2026.

Tuition is \$400 for Chamber members. Chamber sponsors receive discounts.  
(See pricing breakdown on application.)

\* Participants must attend Orientation and at least 6 out of 8 sessions in order to graduate in December. Medical and family emergencies are excused.

<sup>A</sup> Classes will move to the Hurley Community Development Center when the Chamber offices move.

**Thank you for your support, and we look forward to learning with you in 2026!**



## Leadership Chattooga 2026 APPLICATION

Candidate's Full Name			
Preferred Name			
Home Address			
	Street Address	Zipcode	
Best Phone Number	<input type="text"/>	Is this a cell?	Y / N
Email			
Company			
Title			
Department			
Supervisor			

Leadership Chattooga is a commitment of both participant and employer. In order to achieve optimum benefit of the program, each participant is expected to attend all sessions. In the event of more than one absence, the participant will not graduate. Programs consist of an **orientation (required) on January 22, 2026**, and eight full-day sessions, including a trip to the State Capitol. Sessions usually take place on the third Thursday of the months of January-November, graduation in December and Project Day in June. We are off in July. If you have multiple conflicts you should not apply this year, but feel free to notify the Chamber that you wish to reapply next year.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand and agree to the requirements for graduation.  
Initial of participant

Participants in the Leadership Chattooga Program must have the support and commitment of their employer. It is necessary that we have the signature of your direct supervisor from your place of employment as an indication of support of your participation in the leadership program. This is not only a commitment of financial support but one of time required to participate in the program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Supervisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

### PRICING BREAKDOWN

Regular Tuition	\$400 for Members, \$450 for non-members
Bronze Chamber Sponsor	\$360
Silver Chamber Sponsor	\$300
Gold Chamber Sponsor	\$200
Platinum Chamber Sponsor	Full Ride

Payment is due upon approval of application. No refunds are offered once the candidate has been approved, payment has been received, and program has begun.

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\*Refer to schedule

# LEADERSHIP CHATTOOGA 2026

All-day sessions *usually* on the third Tuesday (9a-4p). Students must attend 75% of sessions for graduation.

**Jan. 13th**

ATTIRE: Nice Casual-**PHOTO!**

**Orientation with Leadership Experts\***

*DISC Assessment and Introduction to Leadership.*

**Feb. 17th**

ATTIRE: **Business Formal**

**State Capitol Visit, Atlanta\***

*Meet the Governor and our Representative(s), Tour Capitol & High Museum*

**Mar. 17th**

ATTIRE: Nice Casual

**Leadership Development**

*Building Relationships Is Key*

**Apr. 21st**

ATTIRE: Nice Casual

**Work Ethics**

*Industry Tours with Q&A*

**May 19th**

ATTIRE: Nice Casual

**Effective Communication**

*Covering all the bases*

**Jun 16th**

ATTIRE: Depends on project

**Project Work Day\***

*Class Project within the community*

**Aug. 18th**

ATTIRE: Nice Casual

**Understanding Values**

*Healthcare Industry and Community Outreach*

**Sep. 15th**

ATTIRE: Casual

**Community Diversity**

*Tours and Discussion with Local Governments and Education Leaders*

**Oct. 20th**

ATTIRE: Nice Casual

**Collaboration**

*Tourism Projects and Nonprofit Activities*

**Nov. 17th**

ATTIRE: Casual

**Put into Practice**

*Community Scavenger Hunt & Team-Building Exercises*

**Dec. 14th**

ATTIRE: **Business Formal**

*Special Speaker at December Chamber Luncheon*

**\*Session Required**