

LEADERSHIP



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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. Click the "What We Do" tab and select "Leadership Development" from the dropdown menu.

Orientation begins January 20, 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[^]. 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.

[^] 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!

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

Jan. 20th

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**