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The Chattooga Chamber would like to invite you to nominate a candidate from your school to participate in **Leadership Chattooga Student Edition 2026**. The purpose of this program is to provide high school juniors and seniors 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 chosen 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 school (parents if homeschooled). 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 September 10, 2025 and sessions will be conducted (*usually*) the second Wednesday of each month (Sep '25-Mar '26. We do not meet in December). The course will begin with an orientation session conducted by Heather Casey of Lead-Strong 4:14 and Diane Vinyard with Living Life on Target.

The orientation session is required.

There will be five 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^A. 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 August 29, 2025!

There is no tuition for the *Student Edition*.

* Participants must attend Orientation at least 4 out of the 5 additional sessions in order to graduate in April 2024. Medical and family emergencies are excused.

^A 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 this school year!



Leadership Chattooga *Student Edition '26*

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			
School			
Title			
Department			
Supervisor			

Leadership Chattooga This is a commitment of both school and the student. In order to achieve optimum benefit of the program, each participant is expected to attend all sessions (Orientation plus 4 out of 5 of the additional sessions). Sessions usually take place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Orientation is September 10, 2025 and is required. If there are multiple conflicts the student should not apply this year. Do you understand and agree to the requirements for graduation from this program?

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

Participants in the LC Student Edition Program must have the support and commitment of their school. They will need to be excused from school & possibly afterschool activities to attend required LCSE25 sessions. It is necessary that we have the commitment of your principal/guidance counselor/teacher as an indication of support of your participation in the leadership program. Do you agree with the terms of this commitment?

Signature of School Representative Nominating the Candidate	Title
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Thanks to our generous sponsors, LCSE26 is **free for students**.

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*Refer to schedule on next page



Leadership Chattooga *Student Edition*
Schedule for Second Wednesdays 8a-3p *

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>PRESENTERS</u>	<u>FIELD TRIP</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Orientation: Got personality? Pretest: What do you know about your community? Leadership 101	Heather Casey Diane Vinyard Cindy Rivers McGraw	No	Wednesday September 10, 2025 8a-3p
Work Ethics: Industry	Local industry tours all over the county	Yes <i>van provided</i>	Wednesday October 8, 2025 8a-3p
Effective Communication & Soft Skills More Leadership Skills: Public Speaking, Relationship-Building	Heather Casey Diane Vinyard Cindy Rivers McGraw	No	Wednesday November 12, 2025 8a-3p
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!			
Collaboration: Tourism	Attractions in Chattooga County--- Angel Country	Yes <i>van provided</i>	Wednesday January 14, 2026 8a-3p
State Capitol Visit, Atlanta AND High Museum Visit <i>Date to be confirmed based on Gov's availability</i>	State/Local Officials Tina Cox Katie Jentleson	Yes <i>van provided</i>	Wednesday February 11, 2026 or February 19, 2025 *7a-5p
Understanding Values: Community Outreach CLASS PROJECT (<i>Development Day</i>)	Angie Hutchins & others Cindy Rivers McGraw	Yes <i>van provided</i>	Wednesday March 11, 2026 8a-3p
Chamber Awards Banquet & Leadership Chattooga SE Fundraiser Sarah Jane Farms	Chamber Board	No	Saturday March 28, 2026 7p-9p <i>Video Presentation ONLY</i> <u>No attendance necessary</u>
GRADUATION at Special Luncheon <i>Hurley Community Development Center</i>	Special Speaker	No	Wednesday April 8, 2026 12p-1:30p

NOTE: Classes will meet & leave/stay at the Chattooga County Civic Center at 8a-3p except where noted *.