



LEADERSHIP AUSTIN

2023-2024



Community-Based Leadership Program

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*The Leadership Austin program is provided
by the Austin Area Chamber of Commerce
and Riverland Community College*



What is Leadership Austin?

Leadership Austin is a community leadership program that provides participants an intense look at the business, agriculture, politics, education, quality of life, health care, human services, public safety and diversity of our community. The program is designed as an educational opportunity that enables participants to learn about this area's resources, values, strengths, weaknesses, and challenges. The intent is to motivate and encourage participants to assume individual leadership roles in community affairs. Participants create strong relationships to encourage their future involvement and collaboration in addressing the region's challenges.

Who Should Apply?

Ideal candidates for Leadership Austin are individuals who:

- are highly motivated to serve their community and have a passion to make a difference
- want to cultivate relationships with a network of other community leaders, for both personal and professional benefit
- have demonstrated or have a desire for community involvement
- represent various sectors: business, industry, education, public and private agencies, civic groups and other facets of the community

What Is the Time Commitment?

Leadership Austin consists of nine sessions and meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month from September-May. Participation in the program requires a serious commitment of time and energy. Sessions run a full day each month. In addition, a two-hour evening kickoff event is held in August. Selected applicants will be expected to meet the following commitments:

- Attend all program sessions with the exception of extreme emergency or illness
- Arrive on time and attend the entirety of each session
- Give a 10-minutes presentation at the May graduation
- Join a Chamber committee or volunteer at a Chamber event

Where Do the Program Sessions Include?

This localized program was designed by the Austin Area Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with Riverland Community College and its Customized Training and Education division. A series of intense thematic seminars are facilitated locally at a different location each month. Sessions are conducted by locally and regionally known professionals. The bulk of the instructional staff is drawn from volunteers in the community and area.

How Do I Apply?

Contact the Austin Area Chamber of Commerce, 329 N. Main Street, 437-4561, or apply online at www.austincoc.com or www.riverland.edu/communityleadership. **Applications must be received by June 19, 2023.** A selection committee will review the applications and select the participants for Leadership Austin. All applicants will receive email notification of the selection committee's decisions by June 30, 2023. Program requires a minimum of 15 approved applicants to execute.

What is the Tuition Cost?

Tuition for Leadership Austin is \$1,200. Tuition is payable at the time a participant is accepted into the program and must be received prior to the August kickoff session. Scholarship assistance may be available.

2023-2024 Program Dates

August 17, 2023	January 11, 2024
September 14, 2023	February 8, 2024
October 12, 2023	March 14, 2024
November 9, 2023	April 11, 2024
December 14, 2023	May 9, 2024

Focus Areas

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| • Program Kickoff | • Business & Economic Development |
| • Community Leadership | • Community Health |
| • Quality of Life & Diversity | • Public Safety |
| • Agriculture & Agribusiness | • Education |
| • Government | |