

# FORT BEND LEADERSHIP FORUM

*Application*

CLASS OF 2023

FORT  BEND  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE





**Class of 2023  
Schedule of Sessions**

**2022**

Thursday, Jul 21 <sup>st</sup>	Class of 2023 Welcome Reception
Thursday, Aug 25 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup>	Opening Retreat - San Antonio
Wednesday, Sept 14 <sup>th</sup>	Understanding Differences
Wednesday, Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	Municipal/County Government
Wednesday, Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Infrastructure
Wednesday, Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>	Health & Social Services

**2023**

Wednesday, Jan 11 <sup>th</sup>	Criminal/Judicial
Thursday, Feb 9 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	State Government - Austin
TBA	Spring Alumni Reunion
Wednesday, Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>	Education
Wednesday, Apr 19 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup>	National Government - Washington DC
Thursday, May 11 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ending Retreat - Galveston

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Dear Leadership Forum 2023 Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Fort Bend Leadership Forum, a program organized in 1987 under the direction of the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce. This program is designed to nurture and engage the leadership skills of potential and current leaders by providing an atmosphere that stimulates and fosters diverse viewpoints, resulting in innovative answers to the critical questions facing our community. The program strives to create awareness and to connect leaders with issues; it is not an academic leadership training program. Fort Bend Leadership Forum includes community immersion, leadership training, and educating participants in "how things work" in our community and our county.

The Fort Bend Leadership Forum offers learning opportunities in an atmosphere that stimulates creative thinking and encourages participants to work together to utilize both new and proven tools to meet the challenges of today and to prepare for tomorrow.

Fort Bend Leadership Forum is designed to provide the participant:

- An awareness of community needs, challenges and opportunities, and
- An opportunity to promote and establish relationships and share resources with other community volunteers and leaders, and
- The challenge to examine, practice and develop leadership skills and techniques

The Fort Bend Leadership Forum is a ten-month program, August through May, exclusively offered to members of the Fort Bend Chamber. The sessions start with a one and one-half day opening retreat in San Antonio. The opening retreat is followed by six one-day sessions covering criminal justice, diversity and inclusion, education, economic development/infrastructure, health and social services, municipal/county government, and a two-day trip to Austin for the state government session. In addition, the class will participate in a special three-day national government session in Washington D.C. The Leadership program is completed with a one and one-half day ending retreat and graduation ceremony in Galveston.

The success of each Fort Bend Leadership Forum class lies in the commitment of each participant not only to the program but also to the class as a whole. Therefore, participation and attendance at each session is essential.

**Participants missing any of the following will be unable to continue enrollment or graduate from the program:**

- Any portion of the Opening Retreat, State Government, Ending Retreat or National Government in Washington D.C.
- More than two one-day sessions or 16 total hours

Class sessions are generally scheduled on the first or second Wednesday of each month. A tentative schedule of program dates is enclosed. Tuition for the ten-month program is \$2,900 for Fort Bend Chamber members who submit the application before April 29, 2022. All applications that are received after April 29, 2022 will be \$3,200. The tuition covers all expenses for the program including transportation, accommodations and meals for all sessions including San Antonio, Austin, Washington D.C. and Galveston.

Completion of the enclosed application is an important part of the selection process. A selection committee will review each application for the Fort Bend Leadership Forum with acceptances beginning in April and the completed class confirmed by July. It is important to complete and submit your application via mail, fax, email [rebekah@fortbendcc.org](mailto:rebekah@fortbendcc.org) or drop off to the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce as soon as you have made the decision to apply. Each year more applicants apply than can be accepted, so please complete and return your application as soon as possible so that it may be placed in consideration for the Class of 2023. Tuition is due in full within sixty days of receiving acceptance notice or before July 8, 2022, whichever comes first.

Sincerely,



Keri Schmidt  
President & CEO  
Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce

Enclosures



Thank you for your interest in the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Forum. We are positive that this will prove to be one of your best investments of both time and money into your future and personal growth within Fort Bend County.

Individuals that have had the most success with our Leadership Forum are ones who demonstrate the following characteristics:

- A sincere commitment, motivation and interest to serve the community
- Have demonstrated leadership in past activities or intend to seek future leadership roles
- Individuals who understand leadership is more than just a title or position and strive to reach their maximum potential
- People who enjoy learning about others; ethnic differences, career paths, etc.

Applicants should attempt to address these criteria in answering the questions on the application.

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### LEADERSHIP PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### I. PERSONAL

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred name on nametags \_\_\_\_\_
2. Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_
3. Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Email \_\_\_\_\_
4. Age \_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_ Ethnic Group \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years lived in Fort Bend \_\_\_\_\_
5. \*Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ \*Date of Birth (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_
6. \*Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_ \*Name as appears on TDL \_\_\_\_\_
7. \*Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_
8. Please list three of your interests or favorite recreational activities. 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_

#### II. EMPLOYMENT

1. Present Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Hire \_\_\_\_\_
2. Business Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_
3. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_
4. Type of Business \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_
5. Briefly describe your responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_  
Send correspondence to:  Home address/email  Work address/email

#### III. EDUCATION & TRAINING

- High School \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_
- College \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_
- Graduate School \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_
- Technical / Professional Training \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit a headshot with your application for use in our class directory**

**\* Required information that is used for background checks for access into secured venues and flights \***

**IV. PARTICIPANT GOALS**

List civic, professional, religious and other organizations in which you have been actively involved (in order of their value to you) during the past five years.

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**V. PARTICIPANT GOALS**

What would you like to gain from the Leadership experience?

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Why do you want to participate in the Leadership program?

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**VI. APPLICANT AGREEMENT**

*Tuition & Funding:* If accepted into the Fort Bend Leadership Forum, you or your company, if members, will be billed \$2,900 for the tuition fee if registered before April 29, 2022. This covers all costs. Members that register after April 29, 2022 will be billed \$3,200 for the tuition fee. Tuition is due in full by July 8, 2022. ***Withdrawal from the program at any time, for any reason, will not create cause for return of any portion of the tuition paid. I have completely answered each of the application questions, and to the best of my knowledge, the answers to the forgoing questions are true and correct.***

**I understand that the Fort Bend Leadership Forum has a mandatory attendance requirement. To graduate, I cannot miss more than sixteen (16) hours total from any sessions or ANY PORTION of Opening Retreat, Austin, Ending Retreat or Washington D.C. Hours missed in each session including time not focused in the session will count as hours absent. If I do not meet the attendance requirements, I will not be able to continue with class or attend graduation.**

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Applicant’s Signature

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Date

This applicant has the full approval of this firm/organization in the participation in this program and understand the attendance requirements to complete and graduate from the program.

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Employer’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Application may be turned in via mail, fax, email [Rebekah@fortbendcc.org](mailto:Rebekah@fortbendcc.org) or dropped off at the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce.