

FORT BEND LEADERSHIP FORUM

Application

CLASS OF 2023

FORT  **BEND**
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE





**Class of 2023
Schedule of Sessions**

2022

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

2023

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



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.

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.

V. PARTICIPANT GOALS

What would you like to gain from the Leadership experience?

Why do you want to participate in the Leadership program?

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.

Applicant’s Signature

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.

Employer’s Signature

Date

Application may be turned in via mail, fax, email Juliette@fortbendcc.org or dropped off at the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce.