



LEADERSHIP WEBSTER

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LEAD•ER•SHIP

noun

the action of leading a group of people or an organization: different styles of leadership.

- the state or position of being a leader : the leadership of the party.
- [treated as sing. or pl.] the leaders of an organization, country, etc.: a change of leadership had become desirable.
- the ability to lead skillfully : they hailed DuPont's courage and leadership.

ABOUT LEADERSHIP WEBSTER

Selection Criteria

Participation is open to all citizens residing and/or doing business in the Greater Minden area. The program targets individuals with diverse socio-economic backgrounds and seeks a racial and gender mix reflective of the population at large.

Application Guidelines

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Selection Committee

Applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee comprised of members of the Board of Directors, local business owners, and at least one past participant of the program.

Program Tuition

The Leadership Webster tuition is \$1000 if paid in full at time of selection. Or, you have the option of two payments - \$600 up front with second payment of \$600 due in January 2027.

Recognition

Throughout the program, participants will be listed in news releases and articles which may appear in social media and printed medium highlighting the Leadership Webster program.

Program Schedule

The program begins in September with an orientation reception and ends with a graduation luncheon in May. Participants meet once each month and travel as a group to various locations throughout the community. Participants will also be required to attend meetings of various community groups including but not limited to the Minden City Council, the Webster Parish School Board, and the Webster Parish Police Jury. Sessions are usually the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The April session is a mandatory overnight, two-day visit to Baton Rouge. The program curriculum includes:

- Orientation/ Community History
- Simulated Society (SIMSOC)
- Education
- Economic Development
- Healthcare & Social Concerns
- Nonprofit & Civic Organizations
- Local Government & Public Safety
- Legislative Affairs

All sessions begin at 8:00am and end at 5:00pm.

Participant Responsibilities

The Leadership Webster program consists of nine sessions scheduled in advance, beginning in September. Attendance at all sessions is expected. Participation in the orientation is mandatory, as well as at the community groups' meetings with no more than two absences in the remaining sessions. The mandatory two-day session in Baton Rouge coincides with the Louisiana Legislative Session, and those dates will be given to you as soon as it is scheduled. Participants not adhering to the attendance requirements will be automatically dropped from the program with no portion of the tuition refunded.

Participants selected to participate in the program will be notified by August 6th. Tuition due upon selection notification.



APPLICATION

Instructions: Type or print in black ink. Application must be signed by both applicant and employer/sponsor. A complete application includes two letters of recommendation, an essay (see details outlined below) and a fully completed application. Application is due by July 1, 2026. An incomplete application will not be considered. No application will be accepted after July 1, 2026.

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To apply for membership please complete all questions.

Applicants Name :

Preferred Name for Name Badge:

Date of Birth:

Age:

Gender :

Please select the category which best describes the area in which you work/serve:

Government

Law

Education

Retail

Religion

Other

Community / Nonprofit

Business

Healthcare

Industry

Media

Home Address:

E-Mail:

Cell Phone:

Business Phone:

If Applicable:

Employer Name:

Employer Address:

Job Title:

Briefly describe responsibilities in your employment:

How long have you been with present employer?

Business/Professional Affiliations (if any):

Please list your community involvement and positions held:

Questions :

Choose one from the list below, and return a one-page response with your application.

1. In your opinion, what are the three (3) greatest challenges facing the Greater Minden area?
2. If you could change one (1) thing about your neighborhood or community, what would be it be and why?
3. What would you like to see happen in the Greater Minden community during the next 5-10 years?

Professional References:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

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Education History

(Begin with high school, college(s), advanced degrees and/or specialized training)

Name/Location of School: _____

Degree/Certification: _____

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Contribution to Leadership

What do you hope to gain and how do you expect to utilize your experience in the program? _____

What skills, interests and abilities would you bring to the program? _____

Why are you interested in participating in LW? _____

How did you learn about this program? _____

How long have you lived in the Greater Minden area? _____

If Applicable:

Spouse Name: _____

Spouse Occupation: _____

Children's Name & Ages: _____

Tuition: If accepted in the Leadership Webster program, each participant, financial sponsor, and/or employer will be billed for the tuition fee of \$1000 which covers all program costs, transportation during sessions, and meals, not including any personal expenses. Tuition is due in full within 30 days of acceptance into the program. If you are choosing two payment option, \$600 will be due within 30 days of acceptance, and will be billed the remaining \$600 in January 2027.

1. Will you pay the tuition fee? Yes No
2. Will your employer pay the tuition fee? Yes No
3. If neither, who will be responsible for payment? _____
4. How will you pay? In Full Two Payments

Sponsor Commitment - Only applicable if employer or other organization is financing participation in program. This applicant has approval of undersigned organization and full support and commitment which includes time required to participate in the program.

Signature/Title _____

Date: _____

Attendee Commitment: If selected, I agree to attend all the functions of program which includes mandatory orientation and two-day session in Baton Rouge, as well as no less than 7 one day sessions. If I do not fulfill these requirements, I understand I will be dropped from program with no portion of tuition refunded.

Signature _____

Date: _____