

# Leadership Jefferson

## *Class of 2025 Program Details*

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### Overview

Leadership Jefferson is a nine-month program designed to develop a diverse network of dedicated business and community leaders. Facilitated by a professional leadership team, the interactive workshops expose participants to local leaders and activists working to resolve critical issues facing Jefferson Parish.

We engage leaders throughout Jefferson Parish to present to the class and provide educational experiences that citizens may not otherwise have access to. Specific session topics include education, workforce development, healthcare, quality of life, criminal justice, diversity, state/local government, and economic development.

This program produces an elite group of leaders, and the selection process is very competitive. The Leadership Jefferson program strives to uphold the values and characteristics of an admirable leader; therefore, we take careful consideration into selecting each new class.

### Application Process

Applications are open **June 1-30, 2024** for participation in the Leadership Jefferson Class of 2025. All applicants' employers must be members of the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce to be selected for the program.

Applications must be submitted via [www.jeffersonchamber.org/about/foundation/leadershipjefferson](http://www.jeffersonchamber.org/about/foundation/leadershipjefferson), and tuition payment must be mailed via check no later than Friday, June 28. Checks should be payable to The Jefferson Chamber Foundation.

All applicants will be notified of their application status by **Friday, July 12, 2024**.

### Tuition

Full tuition is \$2,000 per participant. Tuition includes all program expenses and class materials. This is a program of the Jefferson Chamber Foundation (501c3); therefore, tuition is considered tax deductible.

Should you be accepted to the program and unable to participate due to unforeseen circumstances, you must notify the Jefferson Chamber in writing:

- Participant withdrawal by Monday, July 29, 2024, will result in a full refund (100%).
- Participant withdrawal by Thursday, August 15, 2024, will result in a partial refund (50%).

Following this date, tuition is non-refundable, and it will be considered a donation to the Jefferson Chamber Foundation. The tuition refund schedule is necessary to accommodate the fixed costs of the program including lodging, food, bus transportation, facility rentals, etc.

Tuition checks will not be deposited until an applicant has been accepted to the program. Any checks for unaccepted applicants will be returned by mail no later than **Thursday, August 15, 2024**.

### **Program Timeline**

- Opening Retreat | Thursday, September 5 – Friday, September 7, 2024
  - Thursday is a full day of sessions with a class dinner and Friday ends at 12:00 P.M.
- Civic & Community Engagement | Tuesday, October 8, 2024
- Healthcare | Tuesday, November 12, 2024
- Economic Development | Tuesday, December 10, 2024
- Education & Workforce Development | Tuesday, January 14, 2025
- Equity & Inclusion | Tuesday, February 11, 2025
- Criminal Justice | Tuesday, March 11, 2025
- Advocacy & State Government | Tuesday, April 8, 2025
- Closing Session | Tuesday, May 13, 2025
- Class of 2025 Graduation | Tuesday, June 10, 2025

All monthly sessions take place at various venues throughout Jefferson Parish (except the Advocacy & State Government session in Baton Rouge) from 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

### **Program Requirements**

- The overnight retreat, including the session and class dinner, is mandatory to participate in the entirety of the program. If you are unable to attend the opening retreat, you will not be allowed to continue in the program.
- Participants are allowed to miss no more than two (2) full monthly sessions (16 class hours) throughout the year.
- Partial absences are recorded for late arrivals, early dismissals, and leaving during the day.
- The closing session is mandatory.

### **For further inquiries, please contact:**

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