



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Leadership Carroll, a flagship program of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, is designed to provide local business leaders with a unique opportunity to experience the many facets of Carroll County, preparing them for the challenges of tomorrow.

The program educates and prepares existing and emerging leaders committed to shaping our community's future. Participants experience an eight-month program with day-long sessions on leadership styles, community assets and economic development, the arts and tourism, healthcare, public safety, education and talent development, agribusiness, effective team building, and more. Leadership Carroll challenges participants to become involved in Carroll County and pursue leadership roles.

For over 30 years, Leadership Carroll has cultivated leaders through community engagement, exploration, and professional development. Many of the over 800 Leadership Carroll graduates have become leaders in the community. Are you ready to join the ranks of some of these successful and influential men and women?

PROGRAM GOALS

- Encourage participants to develop long-lasting relationships with other leaders.
- Provide educational opportunities to discover the inner workings of the community and some of the opportunities and challenges facing the region.
- Instill a longstanding sense of community to motivate participants into leadership roles.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Anyone who wishes to increase their impact on their organization and our community. The ideal participant lives or works in Carroll County, has exhibited leadership within the community or their company, and is committed to their engagement in fostering the continued growth of a strong and vibrant Carroll County.

EXPECTATIONS

Leadership Carroll hosts monthly sessions in locations across Carroll County. The sessions will involve panel discussions, tours, speakers, group and individual activities, and completing a community service project. Participants are expected to participate in all aspects of Leadership Carroll.

- **Attend all sessions.** Please reserve the program schedule dates on your calendar. If you miss a session, not only will we miss you, but you will miss out on the experience. Please remember there is no substitute for your presence.
- **Be fully engaged during all sessions.** Please resist the temptation to check your phone during session activities. We will provide breaks throughout each session.
- **Connect with classmates.** Try to get to know everyone in your class. The program is greatly enhanced when participants connect, allowing the expansion of your circle of colleagues and dramatically increasing the level of fun. Past graduates will tell you they developed friends and business relationships long after graduation.
- **Respond to post-session surveys.** Your feedback is crucial to the program's continued improvement and success.
- **Have FUN!** While a structured learning and professional development program, Leadership Carroll is meant to be an engaging and meaningful experience, and we want you to enjoy yourself!

APPLICATION PROCESS AND TUITION

Applications for Leadership Carroll must be submitted by noon on **Friday, September 25, 2026**. Only 30 spaces are available, and participants are admitted after review from the selection committee. Your participation in this program during this year is not guaranteed.

Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Member:	\$500
Non-Chamber Member:	\$825 (Includes a one-year Chamber Membership)
Non-Profit Chamber Member:	\$425
Non-Profit, Non-Chamber Member:	\$665 (Includes a one-year Chamber Membership)

**fees are used to cover the costs of materials, monthly program expenses, graduation reception, and graduation plaques.*

As a 2027 Leadership Carroll program member, tuition is payable upon selection. Tuition must be paid in full before the first session on January 19. Tuition is non-refundable and non-transferable and is the participant's responsibility upon acceptance.

Applicants not selected for the 2027 cohort are encouraged to re-apply for the 2028 cohort and consider attending L.I.F.T.

Tentative 2027 Program Schedule

Dates are tentative and will be confirmed at a later time. All sessions will be held 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Session subject matter may change based on the schedules of presenters and guests. Participants will be notified of session locations and special dress requirements for tours or excursions.

Tuesday, January 19	Orientation / Leadership 101 / Community Service
Tuesday, February 23	Education and Workforce
Tuesday, March 16	Leadership Carroll Day at the Capitol
Tuesday, April 13	Team Building – Banning Mills
Tuesday, May 18	Industry and Manufacturing
Tuesday, June 15	City & County Government / Tourism
Tuesday, July 13	Healthcare and Public Safety
Tuesday, August 10	Leadership Carroll Graduation

Please review all dates and give careful consideration to your availability to attend. If you know that you cannot participate in a session due to a conflict, please list the corresponding date(s):

EMPLOYER AUTHORIZATION FORM

I have approved the submission of this application and the time and financial commitment required by my organization and the applicant to participate in Leadership Carroll. I understand the fee structure, refund policy, and session dates. By signing this agreement, I, the employer, agree to allow the employee/applicant to be excused from corporate meetings and events on the dates listed.

Applicants Name _____

Company _____

Supervisor's Name _____

Supervisor's Email _____

Supervisor's Phone Number _____

Supervisor Signature

Date

APPLICANT COMMITMENT FORM

I understand that completing the Leadership Carroll program requires active and full participation. This includes orientation, all sessions, completing a community service project, and graduation. Unexcused absences will prevent me from finishing and graduating from the program. I will demonstrate professional courtesy by being punctual to each session and focusing my energy on the session's topic.

I will meet the following Leadership Carroll expectations:

- Arrive for sessions promptly at 9:00 a.m.
- Actively participate and attend all sessions.
- Work with a team of Leadership Carroll participants to address a need or issue in Carroll County.

_____ Yes, I will fulfill this commitment!

_____ No, I prefer to delay participation in this program as I cannot meet this commitment.

Applicant Signature

Date

LEADERSHIP CARROLL CLASS OF 2027 APPLICATION

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Return by mail:

Leadership Carroll

Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

200 Northside Drive

Carrollton, GA 30117

Return by email:

events@carroll-ga.org

Applicants will be notified of acceptance into the program by **Friday, October 23, 2026.**

First and Last Name _____

Preferred Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ County of Residence _____

Applicant's Phone _____

Applicant's Email _____

EMPLOYMENT (EMPLOYER AUTHORIZATION FORM MUST BE PROVIDED AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION)

Present Employer _____

Date Started _____ Title _____

Employer Address _____

Zip _____ County _____

Employer Contact Name _____

Brief Job Description (250 WORDS OR LESS)

List any community organizations for which you currently volunteer. Please also note if you are now in a leadership position for a community organization. (250 WORDS OR LESS)

What are your most significant career achievements, skills, or responsibilities? (250 WORDS OR LESS)

Have you participated in a similar leadership program in Carroll County or another community?

____ Yes ____ No

If so, where? _____

What do you hope to gain from Leadership Carroll? What would you contribute to the program? (250 WORDS OR LESS)

Community projects are a vital component of Leadership Carroll. The projects address needs or issues in our community. What is a need or problem you see that you would like to address through a Leadership Carroll project? (250 WORDS OR LESS)

NOTE: The application will not be considered complete and will not be processed without the following information:

- The completed application.
- A signed employer authorization form.
- A signed applicant commitment form.
- **A professional digital headshot.**

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