



Class of 2025-26 Application

Application & Fee Deadline: Monday, August 25, 2025

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**Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce
North Brunswick Chamber of Commerce
Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce**

LEADERSHIP BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Community Leadership Development Program

Leadership Brunswick County is a program designed to develop and enrich existing and emerging community leaders who are qualified and committed to the growth and well-being of Brunswick County. The program provides an opportunity for participants to learn about the needs of the county and the individuals responsible for providing services to meet those needs. For Brunswick County to thrive and prosper in the next century we will need dedicated leaders with new ideas working together.

GOAL To prepare committed and qualified individuals to assume leadership roles in Brunswick County.

OBJECTIVES Identify and cultivate highly motivated potential community leaders.

Systematically educate and challenge the participants about the needs of the community as well as the dynamics of social and economic change.

Develop an esprit de corps among participants which will provide a common ground for working together on present and future community needs.

Create a dialogue and sense of teamwork between the participants and existing community leadership.

Identify organizational and individual opportunities for community involvement and assist in the placement of the participants.

EXPECTATIONS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS

Attend a mandatory orientation retreat on Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Attend eight (8) sessions as indicated below, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm (every third Wed., dates subject to change)

October 15, 2025 - History and Culture of Brunswick County

November 19, 2025 - Municipal, County and State Governments

December 10, 2025 - Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement **(second Wednesday)**

January 21, 2026 - Education

February 18, 2026 - Economic Future of Brunswick County

March 18, 2026 - Health and Human Services

April 15, 2026 - Natural Resources and Environment

May 20, 2026 - Graduation & Next Steps

Attend Orientation Retreat – September 17th

Attend at least six (6) sessions to qualify for graduation October - April

Attend at least three enrichment activities provided by the chambers in Brunswick County.

Attend one regular municipal or county meeting in person. Participant to provide supporting documentation.

Volunteer a minimum of 10 hours total at a Brunswick County non-profit organization not affiliated with participant.

Attend All County Chamber Business Networking After Hours event hosted by BCC – TBA @ BCC VVEC

Business conflicts are not considered extenuating circumstances.

I have read and agree to these expectations (initial here): _____

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DIRECTIONS: The completed application cannot be longer than three total pages in no smaller than 11 pt font. Do not attach a resume or letter of nomination. Be sure to answer all questions; applications are subject to verification.

General Information

Name: _____ Employer: _____

Title: _____ What is the nature of your profession or occupation? _____

Employer Mailing Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Preferred Mailing Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Office Phone: _____ Preferred Phone: _____

Preferred Email Address: _____

How did you hear about Leadership Brunswick County? (Check one) _ Chamber _ College _ Media _ Mail _ Other

Guidelines and Information

- **Attendance and Class Days:** Class days are held every third Wednesday of the month between the months of October-May (dates subject to change)
- Participants must attend 6 sessions to graduate. Attendance at orientation is **mandatory**. In addition, participants will be required to take part in enrichment activities, attend a municipal or county public meeting and volunteer 10 hours at a designated non-profit.
- **Selection Criteria and Application Review:** Applications will be evaluated and considered for admission. The selection criteria are civic involvement, leadership potential, diversity of perspective and commitment to the leadership program and the community. The class size is limited to a minimum of 10 and up to 30 members.
- **Tuition:** Tuition in the Leadership Brunswick County program is \$450 for Chamber members and \$500 for non-Chamber members. Full payment must be made by September 17, 2025. Checks payable to Leadership Brunswick County. Tuition is non-refundable. Drop off at any of the three Chambers or mail to 4433 Long Beach Road, Southport, NC 28461.

Scholarship/Financial Assistance: Scholarship funds are available, based on need, and will be considered only after candidate selection is made. Please check the box below to be considered and attach a financial need statement.

Education

High School: _____ Location: _____ Diploma/Year: _____

College: _____ Location: _____ Diploma/Year: _____

Post Graduate Work: _____ Location: _____ Diploma/Year: _____

Educational accomplishments, honors or recognition:

Goals & Contributions

Explain why you are applying to Leadership Brunswick County. How do you expect to utilize your Leadership Brunswick County experience? What unique qualities will you bring to this Leadership Brunswick County class?

In your opinion, what are the two most significant problems facing Brunswick County today? How would you attempt to address these problems as a leader in the community?

1)

2)

Community Activities

List activities in order of importance; please limit them to four. Community activities are an important part of the application process. Describe in detail your role with the organization.

Organization: _____ City: _____ Year: _____
Required by Employer? Yes / No Role: _____
Accomplishments/ Contributions: _____

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Future Interests:

Regarding community involvement, list two areas of interest for serving the community in the future.

1)

2)

To achieve a broad representation from the community please fill out the following information:

Date of Birth: _____ Ethnic Group: _____ Gender: _____

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Commitment and Authorization

Please designate % of tuition to be paid: by employer_____ % by participant_____ %

☐ I would like to apply for a scholarship. Please note that if you do not check the box, you will NOT be considered for a scholarship.

You and your employer's signatures below indicate that you both understand the following: (1) you (the applicant) can make the attendance commitment and have the support of your employer (2) all applicants cannot be chosen to participate (3) payment arrangements must be made by September 17, 2025.

Date	Applicant's Signature
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Date	Employer/Manager's Signature	Employer/Manager's Name	Telephone No.
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Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability:

I understand that my participation in Leadership Brunswick County (Program) is entirely voluntary and at my own risk. I fully understand the scope of the activities and the risks involved in the Program. I agree to assume the risks of my participation in the Program, including the risk of catastrophic injury or death. I understand and agree that Leadership Brunswick County, its organizers (Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce, North Brunswick Chamber of Commerce & Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce) and host organizations does not provide insurance to cover medical expenses for injuries that may be sustained by me or for damage to my personal property, and that Leadership Brunswick County strongly recommends that I carry my own health, medical, and property insurance for purposes of potential losses related to this Program.

Date	Applicant's Signature
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