



Campbellsville/Taylor County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Campbellsville

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The Campbellsville/Taylor County Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Campbellsville program prepares promising leaders for positions of responsibility by acquainting them with significant community processes and pressing issues. Participants will engage in discussions with established leaders, go behind-the-scenes at key institutions, build their leadership skills, create a lasting network of contacts, and give back to the community with a meaningful group project.

Goals and Objectives

The program's goal is to prepare future community leaders for positions of responsibility by

- Acquainting them with significant community processes, programs, and problems.
- Teaching them about involvement opportunities, special challenges, and demands using forums with current leaders.
- Improving understanding of various economic, social, and political forces impacting the community.
- Providing a network of new community talent for service on public and private commissions, agencies, organizations, and associations.
- Providing leadership skill building, including teamwork, communication, decision making, and more.
- Creating an opportunity to enact newly learned skills and knowledge through a comprehensive community service project for a local non-profit.

Program Qualifications

- A sincere concern about the future of our community and commitment to help shape its future.
- Commitment through past and present community involvement.
- A demonstrated capacity for leadership within the individual's own organization.
- A willingness to commit the energy necessary to complete the program (9 months), including monthly attendance at all sessions.
- Employed for more than 6 months by current employer.

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of members of the Leadership Campbellsville Board of Directors.

Participants

Employees, companies, government, and professionals are anxious to grow and become more effective.

Tuition

\$500.00. Tuition is due upon acceptance.

Cancellation & Refund Policy

Cancellation must be made in writing and received by the Leadership Campbellsville administrator by 5:00 p.m. specified below:

1. Cancellation on or before July 1, 2026 will be given a full refund of any tuition paid.
2. Cancellation after July 1, 2026 but two days prior to the retreat, will be given 50 percent refund of the full tuition.
3. Cancellations any later than the above will be given no refund. Any candidate who misses the retreat will be dropped from the program and will still be responsible for the full tuition amount with no refund.
4. Even though circumstances do arise, any participant missing more than two sessions may not graduate with the class, and no portion of the tuition will be refunded.

Sessions

The program requires attendance one day per month starting in July and ending in May. Each meeting is held at a location appropriate to the topic of the session so that participants gain a broader view of the community. Business, private, and public organizations act as hosts for each program. Typical of the year-long session topics occurring on the second Tuesday of each month are the following:

1. September 8, 2026 – Retreat
2. October 13, 2026 – Tourism/Chamber, Arts & TC History
3. November 10, 2026 - Economic Development & Manufacturing & International Commerce
4. December 8, 2026 - Civic/Nonprofit
5. January 12, 2027 – Judicial/Legal
6. February 9, 2027 – State Government & Visit to KY State Capitol
7. March 9, 2027 - Local Government
8. April 13, 2027 - Agribusiness
9. May 11, 2027 - Health & Human Services
10. Graduation Banquet (evening event) *TBA*

Please be mindful of the high expectations we hold for this program. Please make every effort to be attentive and engaged with our speakers and activities.

Participants are expected to attend all sessions. **Only two absences will be permitted for emergency purposes.** Participants **MUST** attend all sessions unless there is an absolute emergency.

An attendance sheet will be kept. You **MUST** call or text the Executive Director of Campbellsville Leadership Chairperson at (270) 465-8601 if you are unable to attend. If you miss two times without a valid excuse and not calling in, you will be terminated from the program.

If candidates are unable to commit to the program schedule, it is not in their best interest to apply at this time. Upon completion of the first year, participants (a minimum of two) will be assigned to various planning committees (minimum of two) for the sessions of the following Leadership Program year. A participant is expected to attend all planning committee meetings with their respective committees, as well as attend the sessions they assisted in planning.

Format

Each session is planned by a sub-committee of Alumni. The sessions provide participants with a sense of issues germane to the topic. Participants are introduced to the key leaders in each discipline, conducted through a series of discussions, lectures, group discussions, and tours. In each session dialogue is established among members of the class. Leadership skills are challenged in a variety of simulation exercises. Finally, participants are asked for program evaluations so that continuous refinements can be made in the program.

Organizational Structure

The Leadership Program is administered through the Campbellsville/Taylor County Chamber of Commerce. The Leadership Board of Directors governs program structure, budget, fees, and candidate selection, and fundraising.

How would you expect to use your Leadership Campbellsville experience?

How would you contribute to the program?

Employer Recommendation

Full Support from the applicant's employer is necessary to be able to effectively participate in Leadership Campbellsville. I have approved the submission of this applicant and the time and any financial commitment required on our part for the applicant to participate in Leadership Campbellsville. I have read and understood the Cancellation & Refund Policy.

Signature

Date

Please send to:

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