

LEADERSHIP GILMER 2017-2018 APPLICATION

(Application Deadline: May 12, 2017. Selected participants will be notified by June 2. Payment due July 14.)

Name _____ Birthday: _____

Home address _____

Cell phone _____

Business/Organization _____

Business address _____

Business phone _____ E-mail address _____

Job function/Title _____

Civic, professional or volunteer activities: _____

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper and attach to your application:

- What do you believe you could gain by participating in Leadership Gilmer?
- How would you use your leadership training to benefit the community?
- Have you participated in a formal leadership development program in the past? If yes, where, when and please give the program name.

Being selected to participate in Leadership Gilmer is an honor. With this honor comes an obligation to be present for each class and activity. Successful completion of the program requires participants to be punctual and to attend each class. Anyone missing more than one class may not be eligible for graduation. Please confirm your availability on the class dates and sign the Applicant Commitment Agreement below. Those whose participation is sponsored by their employer will be required to obtain supervisor signatures ensuring management's support of the attendance policies of this program.

Applicant Commitment Agreement:

I have read and understand the obligations and time commitments expected of me in order to participate in and graduate from the Leadership Gilmer 2017-2018 program. In the event of an emergency or other unavoidable circumstance, I will discuss my absence with the appropriate LG representative.

Applicant's Signature Date

Supervisor's Commitment Statement:

I have read and understand the obligations and time commitments expected of the above employee for participation in and graduation from the Leadership Gilmer program. I agree to allow this employee to be absent from work on the program's scheduled days as outlined in this application.

Supervisor's Signature Date

Return completed application via:
Drop-off: 696 First Ave, East Ellijay
Mail: PO Box 505, Ellijay
Email: paigeg@gilmerchamber.com



2017-2018 At A Glance

THE LEADERSHIP GILMER PROGRAM builds and strengthens a better community through training its leaders for the challenges of tomorrow.

THE GOAL of Leadership Gilmer is to develop informed leaders and channel their ideas and experiences toward community resources, issues and concerns to help direct the future of Gilmer County. This goal is achieved by programs, informal discussions and participatory experiences.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE? The Leadership Advisory Committee solicits and reviews nominations for the program. Participants are those who have been identified as having an interest in the community and a sincere commitment to making Gilmer County a better place to work and live. Participants are chosen to represent the occupational and demographic diversity in the community. Class size is limited to a maximum of 22 people.

THE CURRICULUM includes a welcome mixer in late July, one full day session per month from August through April and a commencement activity in May. Each program session concentrates on a specific area of the community using panel discussions, speakers, special presentations and participatory experiences. A homework assignment may be given prior to each session.

TOPICS COVERED include local government, the judicial system, local economics, quality of life, the education system, medical services, state government, volunteerism and leadership skills.

THE COST for Leadership is \$200, which includes all meals at the monthly programs, materials needed throughout the year, transportation for the state government session and graduation fees.

COMMENCEMENT is held in May. Participants and their spouses, as well as alumni, are invited to enjoy a festive evening to celebrate the year's highlights. Diplomas are awarded only to those participants who have missed no more than one class.

THE BENEFITS for Leadership Gilmer participants include learning specific leadership skills, gaining a broad base exposure to the community, meeting peers in other fields and forming friendships and networks to benefit professional and volunteer activities. In addition, the community gains a group of trained leaders who have developed a heightened sense of civic concern and responsibility.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT is for large and small business people, community volunteers, professionals, civic/government employees and **YOU!**

DATES for the 2017-2018 class will be the third Thursday of each month, August through April (some dates may vary) A welcome mixer will be held in late July.