



Class of 2025-26 Application

Application & Fee Deadline: Monday, June 9, 2025

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 Pender? (Check one) _ Chamber _ College _ Media _ Mail _ Other

Guidelines and Information

- **Attendance and Class Days:** Class days are held every second Wednesday of the month between the months of September and November (dates subject to change) except for the April meeting that coincides with a Pender County Commissioner meeting.
- Participants must attend seven (7) of the eight (8) 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 Pender County program is \$400 for Chamber members and \$500 for non-Chamber members. Full payment must be made by June 9, 2025. **Checks payable to Leadership Pender.** Tuition is non-refundable. Drop off at either of the two Chambers or mail to c/o Greater Topsail Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism at Post Office Box 2486, Surf City, NC 28445.

Scholarship/Financial Assistance: Limited 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 Pender County. How do you expect to utilize your Leadership Pender County experience? What unique qualities will you bring to this **Leadership Pender** class?

In your opinion, what are the two most significant problems facing Pender 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 1, 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 Pender 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 Pender**, its organizers (Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce and Greater Topsail Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism) 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 Pender 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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Participants will be chosen based upon the information provided in this application. Consideration is given to leadership achievements, community involvement, overall accomplishments, recommendations from peers and employers, and the ability and interest in assuming additional leadership roles in the community.

[] Initial to confirm understanding of the above.

Tuition is \$400 for Chamber members. Tuition covers the cost of all class materials, lunches and graduation. A selection committee will screen applications. Companies/firms, civic clubs, non-profit agencies and foundations are urged to sponsor members of their management teams or individuals who have demonstrated potential leadership abilities. Sponsorship can be an important contribution to an employee's development and a company's growth, and will assure knowledgeable leaders for Pender County's future. Enrollment is limited.

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