

Leadership Makes a Difference

“When I went through Leadership Pickens, I was new to the community. Leadership provided me a great forum to not only meet new people, but to also learn about the inner-workings of how a city and county are run politically, legislatively, and judiciously. It deepened my appreciation for those that serve their communities and I gained an added appreciation for the place I have called home for the last 10 years.”

Parish Lowrie
State Farm Insurance Agent

“The ability for an adult to participate in an activity to further their knowledge of their local government will follow them through their personal and professional lives.”

Rob Jones
Commission Chair

Program Schedule

September 2020 General Orientation	March 2021 Health Services
October 2020 Team Building, Outdoor Experience	April 2021 Local Governance
November 2020 Quality of Life Issues	May 2021 Economic Development
January 2021 Judicial/Education	2021 Graduation
February 2021 State Government	



Better Leaders. Better Pickens County.



What Is Leadership Pickens?

Leadership Pickens is a program of the Pickens County Chamber of Commerce, which seeks out existing and emerging leaders from diverse backgrounds and offers them an educational experience for exposure to various aspects of the community and work for solutions.



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"Gaining a deeper understanding of one's community is absolutely necessary if a serious attempt to overcome its challenges is to be made."

Jason Segers
Amicalola EMC

"Am I a better citizen, employee and volunteer because of Leadership Pickens? Yes! Would I encourage someone to MAKE the time to get involved? YES!"

Michelle Roberson
Episcopal Church of the Holy Family



Purpose

In order for Pickens County to achieve its potential, the people must be aware of the social, economic, educational, and governmental needs of the community.

The participants will benefit significantly from getting to know each other during the formal and informal exchange of ideas and experiences. They will also gain knowledge from the overall program, preparing them for a more active leadership role in the community.

Participants

The program consists of nine regularly scheduled sessions from September to May. Most sessions will be held the third Thursday from around 8:00 am until 5:00 pm with one weekend retreat included. The class program will focus on team building and enhancing the quality of life by better understanding local issues such as education, government, healthcare, economic development, and community service.



Eligibility

The Leadership Pickens Steering Committee desires to include a diversified group in terms of race, sex, and occupation. Individuals from business, social services, government, cultural, and educational organizations will comprise the class. Class members must live and/or be employed in Pickens County.

Acceptance

The individual interested in participating in the program must complete a detailed application and it must be returned to the Pickens County Chamber of Commerce no later than **July 31, 2020**. The information contained in the application will be used in the enrollment process. Class size will be limited to twenty participants.

Applicants will be notified by August 14, 2020 with tuition of \$475 being due by **August 31, 2020**.