



## **Leadership Pickens Application**

### **Class of 2026**

Leadership Pickens is a program of the Pickens County Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center. It seeks out existing and emerging leaders from diverse backgrounds and offers them an educational experience that exposes them to various aspects of the community.

Please return the completed application by **Friday, November 14, 2025**. The information contained in this application will be used in the selection process. Applicants must be employed or reside in Pickens County.

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### **Personal & Employment Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a copy of your resume or bio, which should include the following:

- Education/Training/Recognitions
- What do you consider your most significant career accomplishment, and why
- Organizations/Activities/Volunteerism – include positions held and accomplishments achieved, as well as how these accomplishments have benefited the community and/or its residents
- Three (3) references with contact information

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

What do you hope to gain from being involved in Leadership Pickens?

Identify an issue you feel is critical to Pickens County, briefly explain your concern, and your solution(s):

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## Schedule

<b>January 15, 2026</b> General Orientation <b>Skills/Objective:</b> Meet your instructors and classmates	<b>June 18, 2026</b> Education & Collaboration <b>Skills/Objective:</b> Understanding the operations of the local school systems
<b>February 27 and 28, 2026 (Retreat)</b> Team Building, Leadership Styles <b>Skills/Objective:</b> Collaboration, Risk Taking, Team Building	<b>July 16, 2026</b> Education of the Judicial System <b>Skills/Objective:</b> Understanding your local government
<b>March 19, 2026</b> Quality of Life Issues <b>Skills/Objective:</b> Understanding the economic profile of your community, challenges, and resources available	<b>August 20, 2026</b> Economic Development <b>Skills/Objective:</b> Understanding the economic development process and how it interconnects with community resources <b>Beckett Consulting:</b> Maximizing Impact
<b>April 16, 2026</b> Health Services <b>Skills/Objective:</b> Explore Healthcare Services in our community <b>Beckett Consulting:</b> Productive Conversations	<b>September 17, 2026</b> Graduation
<b>May 21, 2026</b> State Government, City & County Services <b>Skills/Objective:</b> Understanding State policy, meeting elected officials, and site visits. <b>Beckett Consulting:</b> Building High-Performance Teams	<p style="color: red; text-align: center;">* Most sessions will be from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm*</p>

## Tuition

The tuition for participation in Leadership Pickens is \$600, and it is nonrefundable if accepted into the program. The tuition covers the costs of the program, including meals. **All applicants will be notified of acceptance by Friday, November 28, 2025.**

*(Absenteeism may result in the participant being dropped from the program)*

For more information, call Amberle Godfrey at (706) 692-5600 or email at: executive@pickenschamber.com.

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Applicant Signature

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Date

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Employer Signature (if applicable)

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Date

