

Payment Information—Whom should we invoice for your participation fee?

Name _____

Company/Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Employer's Signature* _____ Date _____

I am interested in applying for a scholarship for part of my tuition. Please include a written explanation stating why you deserve a scholarship.

Leadership 21 is designed to open and maintain a constructive dialogue among all parties concerned with making West Chester and Liberty Townships better places to live and work. Leadership 21 is an all inclusive, non-partisan, multi-racial and multi-cultural leadership development program. Each class of 25-30 participants is selected from applications and is comprised of business and community leaders representing a cross-section of our region.

Questions? Contact Yasmien Brown-Jones at ybrown-jones@TheChamberAlliance.com 513-773-3600 or 513-298-2286

Please remit your completed application, application fee and attachments to:

Leadership 21
West Chester • Liberty Chamber Alliance
8763 Union Center Blvd, Suite 400
West Chester, OH 45069
ATTN: Yasmien Brown-Jones

When applying by email to
ybrown-jones@TheChamberAlliance.com,
mail your application fee and final page with signatures to the address noted above.

(Make checks payable to:
West Chester • Liberty Chamber Alliance)

**Final deadline to receive late applications:
Friday, August 21, 2026 (If Space Available)**

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Leadership 21

WEST CHESTER • LIBERTY CHAMBER ALLIANCE

...Leadership for the 21st Century

Designed for current leaders who live and/or work in the region, who want to participate in a program of community education and leadership training.

Program Class Year
October 2026 through April 2027
(Graduation September 2027)

ALL Applications are due by July 31, 2026

CLASS OF 2027

Program Overview

Sessions include hands-on experiential and participatory learning taught and facilitated by published authors, national speakers and other distinguished leaders in their fields. Over the course of the program class members will meet and interact with key current community leaders, volunteers and elected officials. The program also builds upon long lasting business relationships gained by participation with the entire class.

During the opening retreat and the full day sessions (listed below), the class explores a segment of the community in-depth; visiting key locations such as the county jail, the local police department, schools, food pantries, as well as area other businesses, to get a clearer picture of the community in which they live and conduct business. Leadership and communication skills building initiatives are also a part of each session.

At every session, the class becomes more fully acquainted with the key issues facing our region, and gains a grasp of the interdependence of each sector and of the mutual understanding and cooperation needed among them for our community to grow and thrive. This awareness helps the class to design and implement a community project. From June through September, Leadership participants will complete their project and present it at the September graduation.

2026-27 Class Schedule

Class sessions begin at 8:00 a.m., include lunch and end by 4:00 p.m., unless noted.

It is essential that all members are present and punctual at each session. (Two absences result in a written notice, the third absence results in removal from the program.)

Primary application deadline is Friday, July 31 (Application fee \$50)

If openings exist, the secondary application deadline is Friday, August 21 (Late Application fee \$60)

Session

Class Date

Program Kick-Off

Thursday, September 17, 2026 | 3:00 p.m.

Opening Retreat*
Camp Joy

Thursday, October 8 | 8:30 a.m.
through Friday, October 9, 2026 | 4:00 p.m.

Regional Issues

Thursday, November 19, 2026

Healthcare | Diversity

Thursday, December 17, 2026

Human Services (Joint Session | Hamilton)

Tuesday, January 19, 2027

Education

Thursday, February 18, 2027

Criminal Justice

Thursday, March 18, 2027

History | Economic Development & Project Selection

Thursday, April 15, 2027

Project Work (If Needed)

Thursday, May 20, 2027

Graduation & Passing of the Torch

Thursday Evening, September 16, 2027 | 5:00 p.m.

*Mandatory Session

Leadership 21 Application

✓ This Leadership 21 program runs monthly for the class year September 2026 through April 2027. (Project work continues until completed-the class will decide on the meeting times as needed) I have reviewed the session schedule on page 2 and understand that my participation is vital and **expected at all Leadership 21 sessions.**

*NOTE: Participation in the overnight **retreat is mandatory.**

✓ Should I need to be excused from a class session due to illness or a business commitment that cannot be rescheduled, I will provide my facilitator as much notice as possible. (Two absences will result in a written notice and three (3) absences will result in removal from the program. Attendance less than a full session will be considered an absence.) To ensure the integrity and confidentiality of the class, substitutions are not accepted.

✓ I understand that submitting this application puts me into the selection process but does not guarantee my acceptance into the program.

✓ A selection committee of Leadership 21 alumni will choose the **Leadership 21 class of 2027**, comprised of no more than 30 participants. West Chester • Liberty Chamber Alliance membership is *not* required for acceptance in the Leadership 21 program. **Initial applicants are notified on or before August 14, 2026.**

*****All applications are confidential*****

Step One

Name _____ Employer _____

Business Address _____

Title or Area of Responsibility _____

Business Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

Email Address _____

Step Two

ATTACH the following along with this application:

- Your current resume or curriculum vitae
- A listing of your professional and/or community involvement

ATTACH your response to the following questions:

- 1 What have you found to be your most challenging community involvement and why?
- 2 What do you hope to gain from your participation in the Leadership 21 program?
- 3 Share your success in working on committee or team oriented process or project.

Tuition Information

Leadership 21 Tuition

\$1,750 (Invoiced once you are accepted)

Application Fee

\$50 (Due with your application)

If you are accepted into the program, the West Chester • Liberty Chamber Alliance will invoice you for the \$1,750 tuition. (Annual Opening Retreat is mandatory)

Signature of Applicant* Date

*I understand and agree to the attendance policy as outlined on page three of this application. Final deadline receipt of applications: **Friday, August 21, 2026**