

Leadership Hardin County (LHC) is a nine session, ten-month long program scheduled annually, which provides a unique opportunity for interested citizens to learn about the needs and resources of their community.

The program is sharply focused on concerns and capabilities of our ever changing and growing communities. Class members learn, develop and experience the program through lectures, presentations, practical exercises, visits, tours, independent study and meetings with key community leaders. Class members will examine the community's organizational structure and associated City, County, State and National resources available to assist the community in meeting the needs of the residents. Students will have one overnight trip during the program.

LHC class members are a diverse group of dedicated individuals who are interested in examining and experiencing ways to help the communities in which they live. The program is essentially self-funded through tuition fees paid by the class members or their employers.

LHC class members are expected to make a commitment to attend 100% of the sessions and to accomplish any class related assignments. **The retreat is mandatory (no exceptions will be made). Most of the remaining sessions will be day-long sessions (8AM— 5PM) scheduled on the third Thursday of each month.** It is imperative to participants and the program as a whole to have the assurance and commitment of each class member, their family and employer in order to ensure attendance at all sessions.

The class will be challenged to develop and implement a community project which solidifies the bond that develops between classmates while making Hardin County a better place to live, work, and play.

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**COST IS \$895.00/Chamber Member
 \$1000/Non-Chamber Member**

Includes all fees, materials, and meals for the reception and graduation and accommodations for the LHC Retreat. (Accommodations are based on a shared nonsmoking room.)

For more information about the Hardin County Community Leadership Program please contact:

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Leadership Hardin County is a program of the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce.

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What You Will Learn...

*The following is a short description of the LHC program sessions as currently structured. Please note that the schedule and syllabus are flexible and subject to change. Also, day sessions are **All-day classes. 8AM to 5PM***

Session I: Team Building Retreat

September 11-12, 2025 **(Mandatory Session)**

The Retreat is held at Frankfort KY at the Kentucky Chamber and is a team building exercise where class members will learn more about their fellow classmates. You will also hear from engaging speakers who will discuss increasing human performance and different leadership styles. Through class team building exercises you will also become acquainted with presentation techniques as you each participate in discussions on leadership and some top issues facing Hardin County in the upcoming years.

Session II: History of Hardin County

October 16, 2025

This session will focus on the History of the entire county. Teams will be broken into groups to research and present on what they learned about their assigned time period. Entertaining presenters will also join us to share some interesting and humorous stories about our local community.

Session III: Education

November 20, 2025

This class will examine the local educational system. It will include tours to some of the local educational facilities and evaluate the regional educational environment, how Hardin County ranks and ways in which we might improve.

Session IV: Fort Knox Day

January 20, 2026

This session consists of a behind-the-scenes tour of our neighbor Fort Knox. Tours of some of the latest developments are being planned.

Session V: Health and Human Services

February 19, 2026

This session focuses on the services available in our community to help people. Presentations by State, County and community personnel, who deliver these services, will be augmented by visits to various community sites.

Session VI: Leadership in Hardin County

March 19, 2026

This session reviews the top 3 issues facing Hardin County. The class will be broken into groups and will present different leadership projects. We will also hear from our Local Government Officials about what leadership traits they use as they govern our communities.

Session VII: Law & Justice

April 16, 2026

The class will travel to the Hardin County Hall of Justice and meet with the Circuit, District and Supreme Court Justices, as well as the government attorneys who practice in those courts. A trip to the county jail completes the session.

Session VIII: Economic Development

May 21, 2026

This session acquaints the class with the fundamentals of economic development. Through discussions, exercises and site visits the class will examine the needs and capabilities of our community.

Session IX: Graduation

June 2026

Graduation marks the conclusion of Leadership Hardin County for the year. Students will be recognized for fulfilling their commitment to the program and students will have the opportunity to say what they enjoyed most from the program.

Graduation will be open to Leadership Alumni, community leaders, sponsors, family and friends of the graduate. Special Awards will also be presented.

**Class dates are subject to change.
Advance notice will be provided.**

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Attendance and Waiver Policy

Leadership Hardin County (LHC) expects all students to commit to attending all sessions. Students are required to attend classes regularly (monthly on Thursdays). Unless otherwise stated at the beginning of the course, a student missing more than **TWO (2) of the class sessions for any reason will be withdrawn from the program without a refund on the tuition.**

If your employer will be paying for the tuition, or you will be absent from work while attending the sessions, your employer or authorized representative needs to acknowledge his/her commitment to the LHC Program by signing below.

Commitment: I understand the purpose of the Leadership Hardin County Program and, if selected, I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the program. The Retreat is all day and evening (Thursday/Friday) and is mandatory. No exceptions will be made.

I understand that by missing two of the sessions, I WILL be asked to withdraw from the program and no portion of the tuition shall be refunded. I understand the above commitments and agree to be bound by them in signing this application.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Employer's Signature _____ Date _____

As consideration for being permitted by the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Hardin County Program (LHC) to participate in the Leadership Program, I forever release the LHC, the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce, any LHC affiliated organization, and their respective directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, contractors, and representatives (collectively "Releases") from any and all actions, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributes, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives now have, or may have in the future, for injury, death, or property damage, related to my participation in these activities, the negligence or other acts, whether directly connected to these activities or not, and however caused, by any Release, or the condition of the premises where these activities occur, whether or not I am then participating in the activities. I also agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributors, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue, or attach the property of any Release in connection with any of the matters covered by the foregoing release.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone : _____ Email : _____ Shirt Size: _____

Employment

Name of Employer: _____ Years Employed: _____

Address: _____

Current Job Title and Responsibilities:

How did you learn about this program?

Please list all community organizations you are involved with (Civic, Professional, Church, Business, etc)

What ties or commitments do you have to the Hardin County Community?

Please explain why you are interested in this program, and if selected to participate, how would this program help you improve your community?

In your opinion, what are the top 3 issues facing our community at this time?

References: Please provide three(3) letters of recommendation along with this application.
** applications will not be accepted without the Letters of Recommendations*