

1. Applications for the Leadership Jones County Program are requested from individuals interested in participating.
2. Applications are reviewed and delegates are selected by committee. The number of delegates is limited to no more than 25 in order to encourage maximum personal participation. Efforts are made to balance participants according to business and professional interest, geography, race, and sex.
3. Tuition for the program is **\$450**. This includes the training sessions and instructional materials. Limited scholarship assistance is available at the discretion of the Community Development Foundation of Jones County.
4. Application forms must be typed or neatly printed and should include as much information as possible, including a recent photo.
5. By submitting an application to the program, the applicant is indicating their willingness and ability to attend all sessions. Leadership Jones County begins with a reception, orientation, and out-of-town skills building retreat. In addition, there will be eight monthly sessions each lasting a full day, on the first Wednesday of each month. The program culminates with a graduation ceremony in May.
6. Participants, divided into teams, will be involved in a community project to improve or enhance the quality of life in Jones County. Participants must be willing to commit the necessary time to the project phase of the program. The schedule for the project work is determined by the participants.
7. Applicant must be a resident of Jones County, or employed in Jones County.
8. Applicant must be at least 21 years of age.

2018 SCHEDULE

Applications Due	Mon. Aug. 7
Notification to Participants	Wed. Aug. 16
Orientation	Tue. Aug. 29
Class Dinner	Wed. Aug. 30
Retreat	Thu. Aug. 31 & Fri. Sep. 1
Military	Wed. Oct. 4
Local Government	Wed. Nov. 1
Social Issues	Wed. Dec. 6
Education	Wed. Jan. 10
State Government	Wed. Feb. 7
Local Industry	Wed. Mar. 7
Quality of Life	Wed. Apr. 4
Final Report	Wed. Apr. 25
Project Presentations	Wed. May 2
Graduation	Thu. May 3



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All applications are subject to confidential evaluation. Applicants not selected are notified by letter. Applications are kept on file for consideration for subsequent classes as long as the applicant chooses.

INSTRUCTIONS: Must be typed or neatly printed. Must attach a recent photograph.

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Name you want used: _____ Date of Birth: _____ City of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

If employed, address: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ If married, spouse's name: _____ No. of children _____

Hobbies: _____

EMPLOYMENT

Present Employer: _____ Date Began: _____

Supervisor Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Present Title or Responsibility: _____ Since (date): _____

Previous Employment (account for all periods including military active duty. Place in reverse chronological order):

Employer	Title or Responsibility	From	To
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

REFERENCES

Name two persons in Jones County not related to you as references for the selection committee to contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email Address: _____

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Address: _____ Email Address: _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

List key community, civic, professional, religious, business, social, or other organizations of which you have been a member in the last five years.

Organization	Official Position Held	Approximate Date of Membership
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Special Honors or Awards for leadership activities: _____

Elected Public Offices (include dates of terms of office): _____

What do you consider to be your most notable achievement to date? _____

One of the goals of Leadership Jones County is to build a network of community leaders who can identify community problems and opportunities and then individually or cooperatively develop solutions.

Please explain what you hope to gain if selected to participate in Leadership Jones County.

What do you feel to be the most significant problems facing the Jones County area?

What do you feel needs to be done to address the above issue? _____

SPONSOR/EMPLOYER COMMITMENT

This application has the full approval of this firm and the applicant has our full support, which includes the time required to participate in the program, and (if agreed), includes paying his or her tuition, to be paid prior to the retreat.

We also understand that not all applicants can be accepted for this program in any given year, and that all applications are held confidential.

Company Sponsor: _____

Signature: _____ Email: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

APPLICANT COMMITMENT

Leadership Jones County is a planned learning experience and requires attendance at **ALL** meetings which include a welcome reception, orientation, ice breaker dinner, retreat and eight full-day sessions. Attendance is required at all meetings and absences for any reason other than an extreme emergency could result in being removed from the program. Class members are expected to participate in all class projects and team meetings. The tuition fee and/or scholarship fee must be paid in full prior to the retreat and will not be refundable at any point after the retreat. Session updates, project progress and successful completion of the program will be shared with employers and sponsors through monthly communications.

Name of company or organization sponsoring your nomination: _____

Tuition fee for the program is **\$450** payable no later than the retreat. Will your company pay the cost? Yes No
(Scholarships are available on a limited basis to those who have demonstrated need.)

If your company is not paying, who will be responsible for your tuition? _____

I will need to apply for a scholarship. Yes No

Attach a separate sheet detailing your needs for receiving a whole or partial scholarship. I understand if I receive a scholarship I am responsible for the \$50 scholarship fee which must be paid prior to the opening retreat. Yes

APPLICANT PLEDGE

1. I wish to participate in Leadership Jones County.
2. I have the full support of my employer for the time required to participate.
3. I will be able to attend all sessions and understand any unexcused absence means being removed from the program, and there will be no refund of any payments.
4. I will not use the contents of the sessions or statements made therein for the purpose of any news coverage.
5. I will not use the name of Leadership Jones County in a political campaign to imply endorsement of Leadership Jones County, The Community Development Foundation of Jones County, The Economic Development Authority of Jones County or the Jones County Chamber of Commerce.
6. I understand my payment for the \$450 tuition fee or the \$50 scholarship fee is due and payable before the retreat. Failure to meet this deadline will result in removal from the program.
7. I will participate in a group project, in all aspects; selection of project, planning and implementing project, presenting an oral presentation of the project and turning in a written project report prior to graduation.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please fully complete this application and return to INFO@EDAJONES.COM