

LEADERSHIP COLUMBIA — 2022 —

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WHAT IS LEADERSHIP COLUMBIA?

Leadership Columbia is a program of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce which identifies, cultivates and motivates future community leaders. This informative and in-depth program introduces participants to the opportunities and challenges in our community, while also exposing them to the Chamber's strategic initiatives. Leadership Columbia provides a unique networking opportunity, within a local issues exploration program, that truly is a gateway to leadership opportunities within the community.

Those selected are required to fully participate in the 13 program activities, including an orientation, retreat, regular sessions, and graduation day. Regular sessions involve a combination of leadership skill building activities, as well as panel discussions, tours, hands-on experience, and one-on-one interaction with current community leaders designed to expose participants to the industry area covered in each session. The class schedule is listed below. If your schedule does not allow for total participation, consider applying for the Leadership Columbia Class of 2023, so that you can take full advantage of the incredible opportunities offered.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Each potential participant must submit a completed application, with answers to the essay questions, and attach a resume. It is up to applicants to ensure that they have submitted all required materials. To be considered for the program, applicants must either include tuition payment of \$900 in the form of check or credit card information or apply for a scholarship. See application pages for scholarship eligibility details.

If you are not selected for admission to the Leadership Columbia Class of 2022, your tuition will be refunded in full. Each application is reviewed by a Steering Committee which looks at individual qualifications and a broad spectrum of experience. The Steering Committee strives to select a diverse representation of all segments of our community. Applicants will be notified of the status of their acceptance in December. At that time, accepted applicants will be asked for additional information and will receive a finalized 2022 schedule.

Selection for Leadership Columbia is based on the following criteria:

Involvement in professional and/or managerial positions • Demonstrated ability and desire to assume greater community leadership responsibility
Clear willingness to make a commitment to the community in subsequent years • Proof of the full support of the organization or business they represent

CLASS ATTENDANCE POLICY

Complete attendance is an expectation of participation in the Leadership Columbia program. Please carefully review the program schedule listed, considering your work and outside obligations. If you cannot commit to all sessions this year, consider applying for a future program year. Missing sessions may result in your ineligibility to graduate from the program and/or the co-chairs considering your dismissal from the class with forfeiture of the tuition.

TECHNOLOGY POLICY

The Leadership Columbia program is enhanced when all participants are active and engaged. To that end, cell phones and other devices should be put away during sessions, unless participants are utilizing them for note-taking purposes. The Steering Committee recognizes that participants are vital to their companies and organizations, and that some communication back to the office may be unavoidable during Leadership Columbia days. For that reason, session organizers will dedicate time for breaks to give you a chance to check in. As a leader, we hope you will appropriately delegate responsibilities so that you can be fully engaged with the program while participating in Leadership Columbia days.

LEADERSHIP COLUMBIA 2022 SCHEDULE

January 20 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Orientation	March 3 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Media Day	April 14 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Development & Industry Day	May 26 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Life Science & Agriculture Day
January 27 & 28 12:30 pm – 12:00 pm noon (overnight) Retreat	March 17 8:00 am – 5:00 pm State Government Day	April 28 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Arts & Recreation Day	June 9 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Growth & Economy Day
February 3 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Education Day	March 31 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Social Services Day	May 12 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Local Government Day	June 16 8:00 am – 1:00 pm Closing Session & Graduation
February 17 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Healthcare Day			

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the lines below | Provide answers to the essay questions on supporting pages | Attach your resume | Enclose payment or apply for a scholarship | Sign the application | Obtain a signature from your employer | Submit your application

APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Preferred Name for Nametag _____

Years Lived in Columbia _____

Business Name _____

Title _____

Years with Current Company _____

Work Address _____ Zip _____

Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Is this the first time you have applied for Leadership Columbia? (check one) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please answer the following questions in a separate, typed document.

- Describe a personal or professional goal you have set for yourself and the specific steps you took to achieve that goal.
- What are your five- or ten-year goals?
- Identify an issue in Columbia that needs to be changed and how would you go about changing this issue.
- Which Chamber committee will you be willing to participate in upon completion of this program and why?

TUITION

Payment of \$900 must accompany this application unless you are applying for a scholarship. If you are not accepted for admission to Leadership Columbia, your tuition will be refunded in full. Submit a check payable to Columbia Chamber of Commerce or pay by credit card:

☐ Check Enclosed ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____

Signature _____

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SCHOLARSHIPS (if applicable)

Tuition scholarships are available only for those who cannot afford to participate without financial assistance. The following scholarships are available for 2022:

Jose Lindner Scholarship

The Fair Missouri Foundation awards one scholarship in the name of Jose Lindner. Jose was the founder of Forum Development Group (now Lindner Properties) and a prominent business person in Columbia. He served as a Chamber of Commerce Chair of the Board and a Chamber Ambassador. Jose passed away in 2010.

Instructions: To apply for one of these scholarships, please complete the following. By applying for a scholarship, you are stating that you are otherwise unable to pay for the program.

Explain why your organization is in need of scholarship assistance.

Describe how your business or organization would benefit from participation in the program.

Would you consider

- ☐ Partial scholarship
- ☐ Full scholarship only

Applicant's Agreement

If selected as a participant, I am prepared to attend all the functions sponsored by the program. I understand that if I fail to meet any of the program obligations, I may be asked to withdraw or may not graduate with my class. I agree the information contained on this application may be used for Leadership Columbia promotions, activities and projects, as deemed appropriate by the Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Employer's Agreement

I fully support the application of _____ to the Leadership Columbia program. I represent his/her employer and am willing to make the necessary time available for him/her to fully participate in all scheduled classes and activities.

Employer Signature _____ Date _____

Submit Your Application

Your completed application (including tuition payment, responses to the essay questions, and copy of your professional resume) must be received electronically or at the Columbia Chamber of Commerce office. Address applications to Columbia Chamber of Commerce, Attn: Lily White, 300 S. Providence Rd PO Box 1016, Columbia, MO 65205-1016 or email to lily@columbiamochamber.com.



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