



Application for Participation

Application Deadline: July 7, 2023

Vision Statement:

LEADERSHIP PIERRE is a comprehensive program for current and emerging leaders to analyze characteristics associated with leadership, develop individual skills, and increase awareness of trends, challenges, and issues Hughes County & Stanley County face. Leadership Pierre seeks diverse participants of varying interests and styles across a broad spectrum of achievement from the area.

Program:

LEADERSHIP PIERRE is an educational program intended for Pierre area citizens who have an interest in their communities, their leaders, and institutions, and/or specific leadership opportunities. During the nine-month program, participants will hear from various industry experts, tour local facilities, participate in thought-provoking discussions, and learn how and why decisions are made... All with the goal of shaping tomorrow's leaders.

Purpose:

- Make genuine and lasting connections
- Increase community awareness
- Provide networking opportunities
- Develop Leadership Skills
- Create a Sense of Purpose for Civic Involvement

LEADERSHIP PIERRE will select up to 15 area individuals who live and/or work in Hughes or Stanley County. Individuals not selected as one of the 15 participants will be added to a waitlist.

Application Fee

A \$25 nonrefundable application fee is due with the application. Checks can be made payable to the Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce.

Tuition

Tuition for Chamber members is **\$500** and for non-members is **\$650**. If selected for the program, the full amount of tuition is due by August 24, 2023.

For final acceptance as a **LEADERSHIP PIERRE** participant, the tuition fee (for program coordination, meeting rooms, luncheons, material, speakers, break refreshments, and graduation) must be paid in full by August 24, 2023.

Tuition will be paid by: Applicant's portion \$_____ Employer/Sponsor portion \$_____

Refund Policy

If, for any reason, a registered participant must withdraw from the program, the Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce will need notice in writing four weeks prior to the program start date. With proper notification, we will make every reasonable effort to fill the slot with another participant and refund the withdrawn member's tuition. If the slot is not filled, no refund will be issued.

Commitment and Class Schedule

To receive a certificate of completion from *LEADERSHIP PIERRE 2023-2024*, participants are expected to attend all sessions in their entirety, kick-off, graduation, and at least one community involvement opportunity during the 2023 - 2024 Leadership program. Exceptions to this commitment will be determined by the Chamber CEO and Class President, who is elected by the class. Sessions, including lunch, will be from **8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** (unless otherwise noted) on the following dates listed below. Enhancement sessions may be planned to provide additional experience for that session, attendance is encouraged but not required. Please note the schedule is subject to change, and you will be notified well in advance of any adjustments.

Commitment for Leadership Pierre includes the current class acting as the steering committee for the following year by planning and executing class sessions for the next group of participants. This will include each individual being involved in the following:

- Creating a daily schedule for the session selected
- Contacting speakers
- Coordinating transportation
- Catering for lunch
- Being present throughout the day of the session

The session will include the following:

- Leadership Pierre Kickoff – Thursday, August 24 (evening event TBD)
- Session One: Business, Financial, and Professional Development – Thursday, September 14
- Session Two: Community Services – Thursday, October 12
- Session Three: Local & State Government – Thursday, November 9
- Session Four: Education – Thursday, December 7
- Session Five: Healthcare – Thursday, January 11
- Session Six: Law Enforcement and Emergency Management – Thursday, February 8
- Session Seven: Tourism, News, and Marketing – Thursday, March 14
- Session Eight: Agriculture & Natural Resources – Thursday, April 11
- Session Nine: Arts & Culture – Thursday, May 2
- Leadership Pierre Graduation Ceremony & Alumni Celebration – Thursday, May 9 (evening event TBD)

LEADERSHIP PIERRE CLASS OF 2023-2024

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Please submit your current resume and fully answer the following questions. It is acceptable to type responses on a separate sheet. All responses will be scored by a selection committee and participation will be limited to 15 individuals.

Present Community Involvement

Please list organizations you are or were involved in (*community, civic, religious, business/professional*)

Extracurricular activities and/or special honors/awards for community leadership/activities

Why would you like to participate in the *LEADERSHIP PIERRE* program?

What does leadership mean to you?

What do you believe are two significant issues or problems facing the Pierre area?

What role in business, politics and/or the community do you see yourself holding five years from now?

What is one strength and one weakness you see in yourself when you are working with others in a group?

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT: I understand the purposes of *LEADERSHIP PIERRE*, and if I am selected, I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the program. Even though emergencies do arise, I understand that if I miss **more than one of these sessions**, I am not eligible to receive the Certificate of Completion or a refund of tuition.

I understand the above commitments and agree to be bound by them in signing this application.

Applicant Signature

Date

Employer / Sponsor Commitment

This applicant has our complete support, including the days away from work (above) required to participate in the program and the tuition payment that we have agreed to as noted above.

Employer Name

Title

Authorized Signature

Date

Return this completed application to the Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce
800 W. Dakota Ave Pierre
Pierre, SD 57501

Or email contactchamber@pierre.org

Direct questions to the Pierre Area Chamber office, 605-224-7361

The final Application Deadline is July 7, 2023
Applicants will be notified by August 4, 2023, of acceptance.