



# LEADERSHIP FORT BEND

Cultivating Future Leaders



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## Letter from the President & CEO

Dear Leadership Fort Bend 2019 Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in Leadership Fort Bend. Our program was organized in 1986 under the direction of the Central Fort Bend Chamber. Leadership Fort Bend has a long history of developing leaders for Fort Bend County, and we are excited that you desire to become part of that legacy.

Our program is designed to create an understanding of our community functions; to increase awareness of issues facing Fort Bend County and the State of Texas; and foster healthy dialogue and exchange among participants and county leaders. The program offers skills training, education and new approaches to the study of regional issues. In turn, our participants come out of the program with the desire and background needed to become leaders in Fort Bend County.

Program participants will grow in awareness and understanding of the challenges and issues facing our community. They will also develop valuable contacts and communication networks within the community. Most importantly, Leadership Fort Bend builds confidence and motivation to become actively involved in promoting positive change for Fort Bend County.

Leadership Fort Bend is a nine-month program, September through May with a Welcome and Alumni Reception held in August of each year. The success of Leadership Fort Bend hinges on the active participation and dedication of each class member. With that, any participant missing more than two one-day sessions or any one of the overnight retreats will be deemed ineligible to graduate from the program.

Tuition for the nine-month program is \$2,400 for members of the Central Fort Bend Chamber. Members that register on or before June 29, 2018 will be eligible for a discounted rate of \$2,300. The non-member tuition rate is \$3,000. The tuition covers expenses for the sessions including accommodations, transportation and meals. A tentative session schedule is included.

Enclosed is the application for consideration in the 2019 Leadership Fort Bend class. Applications will be reviewed by the Central Fort Bend Chamber. Applicants will be notified of acceptance beginning in June. Tuition is due in full by August 18th. Due to the popularity of the program, please send in your applications as quickly as possible. You can submit the application via email to Shannon Koorie at [skoorie@cfbca.org](mailto:skoorie@cfbca.org), by mail, fax or drop it off at the Central Fort Bend Chamber Office.

We look forward to having you as a member of our Leadership Fort Bend 2018-2019 Class!

Sincerely,

Kristin Weiss, IOM  
President/CEO  
Central Fort Bend Chamber  
Leadership Fort Bend, Class of 2009

## Class Schedule

**Welcome & Alumni Reception**

Thursday, August 23, 2018

**Opening Retreat in Camp Allen\***

Wednesday, August 29, 2018

Thursday, August 30, 2018

**Infrastructure Session**

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

**Education Session**

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

**City & County Government Session**

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

**Judicial Session**

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

**State Government Session in Austin\***

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Thursday, February 7, 2019

**History Session**

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

**Health & Human Services Session**

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

**Closing Retreat in Galveston\***

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Friday, May 10, 2019

*\*denotes mandatory overnight*





**Leadership Fort Bend is a program of the Central Fort Bend Chamber. Leadership Fort Bend was founded in 1986 to cultivate future leaders for Fort Bend County. Program participants are chosen from business and community members that wish to take an active role in the future of Fort Bend County. A maximum of 44 participants will be selected from a cross-section of the community and applicants who are not selected are encouraged to submit the following year.**

## Candidate Requirements:

The program utilizes professionals from the business community during the session as presenters and trainers and they require the full attention of the class in order for the program to be successful. Therefore, applicants must have the full support of the organization or corporation that they represent. Attendance at monthly sessions is mandatory and is monitored. Those who fail to attend and miss more than two sessions will be asked to withdraw with no refund of tuition. It is also understood that Leadership Fort Bend is a professional development program. Participants in the program are required to conduct themselves professionally at all times. It is understood that adherence to the program conduct is required and any violation is subject to removal from the program:

- Always act with fairness, honesty, integrity and openness; respect the opinions of others and treat all program participants, Chamber Staff, Chamber Volunteers and Community Members with equality and dignity without regard to gender, race, color, creed, ancestry, political beliefs, religion, marital status, disability, age or sexual orientation.
- Do not engage in activities that endanger the life, safety, health or well-being of yourself, program participants, Chamber Staff, Chamber Volunteers or Community Members associated with Leadership Fort Bend while on any of the local sessions or overnight retreats.
- Refrain from any act of verbal, physical or sexual harassment toward program participants, Chamber Staff, Chamber Volunteers or Community Members associated with Leadership Fort Bend.

Leadership Fort Bend is a nine-month program consisting of six (6) local sessions (8 hours each) and three (3) overnight retreats. Regular attendance and adherence to the attendance policy is required of all attendees. Graduation from the program requires the following:

- Attendance at all three (3) overnight retreats to include: Opening Retreat, State Government Session and Closing Retreat. Missing any of these session (or a portion of) will result in dismissal from the program.
- Attendance at all local sessions.
- Attendees are allowed up to two (2) absences. This applies to local sessions only. Missing more than one-third (1/3) of any one-day session will constitute a full day absence.
- Participants are expected to arrive on-time for all sessions. Facilitators and Program Liaisons will depart at the time listed on the agenda. Participants arriving late are expected to meet up with the group at the first destination for the day.
- Any exceptions to the attendance policy must be made in writing and submitted to the Chamber Staff Liaison.



# Application

(Due June 29, 2018)

**Please complete each section fully and attached your resume. Applications must be signed by both applicant and employer/sponsor and returned no later than June 29, 2018.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Email \_\_\_\_\_ Work Email \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Residency in FBC \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday Month/Day \_\_\_/\_\_\_

Spouse's Name (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Hobbies & Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ How Long? \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Employer Email \_\_\_\_\_

Your Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Business \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Level of Education \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Professional Associations (do not use acronyms) \_\_\_\_\_

What do you hope to gain from the Leadership Fort Bend program? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the program? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe one unique thing about yourself. \_\_\_\_\_



# Application & Employer's Agreement

## Tuition & Funding:

Upon submission of your application with a non-refundable deposit of \$500, you or your company will be invoiced for the full amount of the tuition, minus the deposit. No part of the tuition is refundable after June 29, 2018. The balance of the tuition is due in full by August 17, 2018. (Cash, Check or Credit Card are accepted).

## Agreement:

I have completely answered each of the application questions and to the best of my knowledge the answers to the foregoing questions are true and correct. I understand that attendance of all two-day sessions is mandatory and attendance at all one-day sessions is expected. I understand that the program will be delivered in six full-day (8 hours+) sessions and three two-day out-of-town sessions from September through May. I accept that missing a two-day session or more than two one-day sessions will disqualify me from graduation; and if more than 1/3 of a one-day session is missed, it constitutes a full-day absence; and that this is a professional continuing education program and should be taken seriously. I further understand that the program encourages continued Chamber and community involvement following graduation.

**Applicant's Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

This application has the approval of this organization and the applicant has our full support, which includes time requested for participation as detailed in the "Applicant Agreement" stated above. The organization also understands the system of Tuition & Funding as stated above.

**Employer's Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

### 2018-2019 Tuition Schedule

<b>Chamber Members:</b>	\$2,300 Register on or before June 29, 2018
	\$2,400 Register after June 29, 2018 - August 17, 2018
<b>Non-Members:</b>	\$3,000

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Payment: check # \_\_\_\_\_  VISA  MC  AmEx  Discover

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Advanced payment is requested. Fax form to 281.342.2990 or e-mail to [skoorie@cfbca.org](mailto:skoorie@cfbca.org)  
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## **The Mission:**

Leadership Fort Bend is a comprehensive leadership Development program designed to identify resources and educate individuals to assume leadership roles within the community.

## **The Vision:**

Because the quality of a community depends on the capacity of its leaders, graduates emerge as potential community leaders and individuals who seek to contribute their particular skills, knowledge and expertise to the betterment of Fort Bend County.

## **2018-2019 Program Goals:**

1. Educate participants in various leadership techniques.
2. Familiarize participants with the workings of local institutions.
3. Motivate graduates to assume active roles in the public and private sector.
4. Develop a network of resources and contacts within the community.



# Alumni Testimonials

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## Claire Rogers

### **Executive Director, Fort Bend County Museum Association**

Participation in the leadership class came at a big turning point in my life. I was moving into a much bigger management role in my company and, because it is a non-profit, I was needing to connect with community leaders in a big way. Leadership gave me an opportunity to meet with other community leaders on a regular basis and to learn more about the structure of our government, education, and economic development in the process. The people that I met through the class, and through a greater involvement in the Chamber, have given me the contacts I need to make a difference for my company. But an even bigger benefit has been that my eyes have been opened to all the ways that we can work together. Collaboration is my new mission!

## Mark Magee

### **SVP-Enterprise Group Manager, Amegy Bank of Texas**

As a 1999 program graduate and program volunteer chair/co-chair for 6 years, I can't begin to express in words how valuable my experiences with Leadership Fort Bend have been for me personally and professionally. Personally, some of my best friendships have resulted from the program, and my overall communication and leadership skills have increased significantly. Professionally, I have benefited in many ways from relationships built and key community contacts made through Leadership.

## Melissa Garcia-Martin

### **Garcia Martin & Martin, PC.**

Participating in the leadership program allowed me to broaden my knowledge of issues and opportunities that impact our community, while also making some life-long friends. From our city, state and county government agencies to our non-profit organizations and schools, our class learned about the organizations and people who make up our community while developing team and individual leadership skills. I highly recommend the program to any person seeking to learn about and become involved in a great community.

## Kelli B. Metzenthin

### **Executive Director, Literacy Council of Fort Bend County**

Being a member of the Class of 2010 was an eye-opening experience for me. I learned as much about myself as I did about the county and what it means to be a future leader. Fort Bend County is a wonderful community to serve, work in, and live. I believe that part of the success of our community is due to programs such as the Central Fort Bend Chamber Leadership Fort Bend. I am proud to say that the friendships, professional relationships, and self-awareness gained from the experience are lifelong positive results of the program.