



Leadership Wilkes 2024 is a program sponsored by the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce to develop a group of informed, committed, and qualified individuals capable of providing visionary and progressive leadership for Wilkes County.

The program is an in-depth study of management styles, personalities, and involved activities to illustrate positive leadership opportunities. Taking place over a four-month period, Leadership Wilkes 2024 participants have a chance to tour facilities, participate in informative seminars and are enlightened to the resources available to them in Wilkes.

Once participants have completed Leadership Wilkes 2024, they will be well informed and have a foundation for implementing their knowledge and skills to become a progressive citizen & leader.

THE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM:

Area leaders in business, government, education, health care, industry, and tourism enlighten participants on the resources available to Wilkes County citizens. During each session the group will look at topics ranging from non-profits to community infrastructure. The program culminates with a graduation ceremony for participants, their guests, and alumni from previous classes.

LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

Participants are encouraged to attend all Leadership Wilkes 2024 sessions including graduation. Attendance reflects the commitment necessary to receive a meaningful experience from your investment in the program. Casual dress and good walking shoes are recommended at all sessions.

TO APPLY:

Enrollment in the Leadership Wilkes 2024 program is limited. Candidates are selected based on their previous and potential leadership ability and community involvement. Applications must be received by July 24, 2024, to be eligible for the program. All applicants will be notified by email regarding acceptance in the program.

Tuition for Chamber members \$700, non-members \$1,000.

Tuition covers the cost of facilitation, meals, refreshments, travel, and graduation. Non-profit organizations may qualify for partial financial aid. Please indicate scholarship need on the application.

For more information call 336-838-8662 or email lcheek@wilkesnc.org.



LEADERSHIP WILKES 2024 SCHEDULE

All sessions will take place on Wednesdays from 8:30am-5pm

Session 1 - August 14th (Retreat)

Session 2 – August 28

Session 3 – September 11

Session 4 – September 25

Session 5 – October 9

Session 6 - October 16

Session 7 -October 30

Session 8 -November 6

Session 9 - November 20 (Graduation)

Leadership Wilkes Testimonials:

“Completing the Leadership Wilkes 2023 Program offered through the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce was a great learning experience. Not only did I learn about the various businesses, their economic impact on our community, and obtaining new contacts/referrals for my customers, but I developed meaningful business connections and lasting friendships. At first glance, several months may seem like a lengthy time commitment, but it goes by fast...almost too fast.”

Kimberly Anderson, Assistant Manager – Alleghany, Ashe, & Wilkes
NCWorks Career Centers

“I moved here in 1984 and thought that I had a good level of knowledge about Wilkes County. I could not have been more mistaken. The places we visited, the things we saw, and people we met were surprising! I received a deeper understanding of what makes this county what it is!”

Marc Hauser, Mayor of North Wilkesboro



Name: _____ Date: _____

Business Phone: _____ Email: _____

Cell Number: _____

What is the best way to contact you? Cell Phone Business Phone Email

Company: _____

Job Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

How did you hear about the Leadership Wilkes Program?

Why do you want to participate in this program?



Applicant & Employer Agreement

I have read and understand that in order to graduate from the Leadership Wilkes 2024 program, I must attend all sessions.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

This employee has my permission to attend the Leadership Wilkes 2024 program. I am aware of the time/attendance requirements.

Employer Name: _____

Employer Signature: _____

Mail, fax, or email completed applications to:

Wilkes Chamber of Commerce Attention:

Linda Cheek PO Box 727

North Wilkesboro, NC

28659 Fax: (336) 838-3728

Email: lcheek@wilkesnc.org

Tuition for the Leadership Wilkes 2024

Program Chamber Members: \$700

Non-Members: \$1,000

Tuition is non-refundable.

If mailing your application, please include payment. If sending application via fax or email, please call our office at (336) 838-8662 to discuss payment options.

Please make checks payable to: Wilkes Chamber of Commerce

Additional Comments