

Leadership Richardson

Leadership Richardson is a program of the Richardson Chamber of Commerce and inspires emerging leaders to care for and engage in their community by providing opportunities to:

- learn a historical perspective and the current community dynamics of Richardson;
- identify and address community needs and challenges;
- increase community leadership;
- develop personal and organization leadership skills;
- build lifelong relationships and networks with other leaders.

From September to May, the program provides the platform to bring community engagement to life through seven different, interactive session topics including:

- Arts & Culture
- Business & Economic Development
- City Government
- Healthcare
- Public Education
- Public Safety
- Social Services

Participation requires a significant time commitment including:

- half-day orientation at the beginning of the program year and a half-day closing session in May;
- mandatory two-day retreat in September;
- all-day sessions, one Friday per month;
- session committees meetings on an as-needed basis to plan one of the topic sessions;
- homework assignments for each session;
- attendance at one City Council and one School Board meeting;
- completion of two 1-2 hour bridge activities.

Applicants must live and/or work within the city or the Richardson Independent School District. Those who do not meet that qualification may also apply by completing the non-resident form. Selection is by an anonymous Admissions Committee.

Tuition is \$1350 for Chamber members and \$1500 for non-members and covers all program costs. Tuition assistance is available for qualifying applicants.

Since the 1986 inaugural class, nearly 1,100 graduates have made a significant contribution to Richardson through participation in civic clubs and organizations, homeowner associations, Chamber boards and committees, and City boards and commissions.

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