



BEAUFORT, SC

REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

LEADERSHIP BEAUFORT APPLICATION Class of 2027 – 42nd Class of the Program

PROGRAM CALENDAR

Leadership Beaufort’s Class of 2027 will usually meet the first Friday of every month between October 2026 and April 2027, usually from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at various locations. The program begins and ends with a weekend retreat and **the cost is \$ 1,200 and must be paid by First Retreat. Do not send payment with your application.** The tentative schedule is:

Orientation – 5:30 – 6:30 pm		Wednesday, August 12, 2026
Leadership Retreat Weekend		September 11-13, 2026
Session 1	History & Quality of Life	October 2, 2026
Session 2	Environment	November 6, 2026
Session 3	Economy	December 4, 2026
Session 4	Public Services & Health	January 8, 2027
Session 5	Law	February 5, 2027
Session 6	Education	March 5, 2027
Session 7	Government	April 9, 2027
Leadership Retreat Weekend		April 23-25, 2027
Graduation Dinner		Wednesday, April 28, 2027 (Evening)

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance at both retreats is **mandatory**. Participants cannot miss more than one monthly session and successfully complete the program (But may make up sessions in a subsequent year). Sessions ***typically*** last from 8 am to 5 pm. Participants are expected to attend the **entire** day’s session, including **lunch**.

SELECTION CRITERIA

We are looking for a diverse group in hopes of reflecting the population of the greater Beaufort area. This would include a variety of age groups, cultures, men and women, persons new to the area as well as long-time residents, different professions, etc. If someone is not chosen as a participant in this year’s class, they are encouraged to reapply in another year. Applicant interviews will be held during the month of June, with the class anticipated to be announced by July 2026

Several alternates will be chosen and are quite often placed closer to the September retreat. **No alternates will be placed after the first retreat.**

Please contact Connie Hipp (843) 812-6822 for more information.



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LEADERSHIP BEAUFORT APPLICATION

Name _____ Prefer to be called _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____ (fax) _____

Email _____ Ethnicity _____

Birth date _____ Number of Years in Beaufort Region _____

How did you find out about Leadership Beaufort? _____

EMPLOYMENT | Are you employed by a Chamber Member business? Yes or No

Employer _____ Title _____

Employed since _____ Supervisor/Title _____

Describe your responsibilities _____

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT | Three most recent, including dates:

EDUCATION

High School _____ Degree and Year _____

Post Secondary _____ Degree and Year _____

Other _____

Will your firm/institution provide the necessary support should you be selected? _____ Yes _____ No

Will financial assistance be necessary for you to participate? _____ Yes _____ No

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT | Local/State/Regional - List membership and offices held in key professional, civic, social and political organizations:

Organization

Offices Held

Dates

What is the most significant thing you have learned from your community/volunteer involvement? _____

List any honors you have received _____

How have you demonstrated leadership in the following areas? (A & B)

A) Volunteerism in your community (100 words or less) _____

B) Your professional field (100 words or less) _____

What do you hope to gain from Leadership Beaufort? _____

What do you hope to contribute to the Leadership Beaufort program? _____

My Personal commitment to the program: I plan to participate in all activities planned for this program and understand the attendance policy and selection objectives.

Signature _____

**APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED TO THE BEAUFORT REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
OFFICE NO LATER THAN 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2026**

If you are mailing your application, please mail in enough time to be received by the 22nd.

If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact

Connie Hipp: <mailto:conniehipp1@gmail.com>, (843) 812-6822

Beaufort Chamber: hello@beaufortchamber.org, (843) 525-8525

Mailing address: Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 910, Beaufort, SC 29901

Deliver to Street Address: 1106 Carteret Street, Beaufort, SC 29902

Or you may email your application to Connie Hipp at the address above