



DEVELOPING SKILLS TODAY FOR LEADERSHIP TOMORROW ADULT LEADERSHIP UPSON APPLICATION

1. BASIC INFORMATION

Name _____
Last First Middle Name Called

Home Address _____ Cell Phone: _____
Street and Number

_____ Date of Birth: _____
City Zip Code

Email Address _____

How long have you lived in Upson County (Years)? _____

Spouse's Occupation or Employment: _____

2. EMPLOYMENT

Present Employer: _____

Business Address: _____
City State Zip Code

Work Phone Number: _____ Employers E-mail _____

Type of Business: _____

Present Title or Position: _____

Direct Supervisor's Name: _____

Describe your position and responsibility: _____

3. PAST EMPLOYMENT RECORD

List in reverse chronology -- last position first:

Employer	Title	Period of Service
_____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____	_____ to _____

4. BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS

(Not including civic organizations)

Name of Group	Positions Held, Assignments or Awards	Period of Service
_____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____	_____ to _____

5. COMMUNITY & POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT (Not including business/professional activities)

List in order of importance, community activities in which you have participated, to include: Civic organizations, public office or political activities, church, volunteer or other community activities.

6. SPECIAL AWARDS AND/OR HONORS/RECOGNITION

7. REFERENCES -- COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (at least two)

Name	Position/Relationship	Complete address and phone number
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

9. GENERAL

What would you hope to gain from Leadership Upson?

Identify three of the most important challenges Upson County must meet in the years ahead. Why?

10. COMMITMENT: Participation requires attendance at all regularly scheduled monthly Leadership meetings/activities. Participants will meet once each month for 11 months. (January 2027-November 2027.) Your full participation is critical to both your personal growth and the success of the class as a whole. Each session is carefully designed to build knowledge, relationships, and leadership skills. Because of the limited number of participants and the investment made by the Chamber, your attendance is not optional. **By initialing each point below, you (the applicant) acknowledge and agree to the following expectations:**

- ____ I understand that attendance at all scheduled tours/sessions are required to successfully complete the program.
- ____ I confirm that my work responsibilities and/or other personal commitments will not prevent me from devoting 10–12 hours per month to this program, and I will plan ahead to fulfill this requirement.
- ____ I recognize that each session builds upon the last, and that my absence not only impacts my own learning but also the experience of my classmates and the strength of the group.
- ____ I will prioritize this commitment and plan accordingly to ensure my availability for all scheduled sessions.
- ____ I understand that after three (3) absences, the Chamber will consider this my voluntary resignation from the program.
- ____ I acknowledge that, should I resign (voluntarily or by exceeding the absence limit), no refunds of program tuition will be issued.

- **Applicant Initials: _____ Supervisor Initials: _____**
I accept that my employer/sponsoring organization is also aware of these requirements, and I will communicate my leadership class commitments in advance to avoid scheduling conflicts.
- **Applicant Initials: _____ Supervisor Initials: _____**
I understand that if I leave my current employer during the program, another employee may not take my place, as the program tuition is specific to me as the selected participant. If I am no longer with my sponsoring employer, I cannot continue in Adult Leadership Upson, as the current employer paid for my spot in the class.

Participants for the Leadership Upson program must have the support of their employer. The signature of the supervisor is necessary as an indication of support.

Signature of Supervisor

Title

APPLICANT COMMITMENT

I understand the purposes of the Adult Leadership Upson program. If I am selected, I will commit the necessary time and resources to complete the program. Even though emergencies do arise, I recognize that attendance is a requirement, not a suggestion. If I miss more than three (3) scheduled tours, I understand this will be considered my voluntary resignation from the program, and no refunds of program tuition will be issued. I further understand that my sponsoring employer has invested in my participation. If I leave my current employer during the program, another employee cannot take my place, and I will not be permitted to complete the program. I also acknowledge that my work responsibilities or personal commitments must not prevent me from devoting an average of 10–12 hours per month to the program. In signing this application, I affirm that I understand and accept these commitments and agree to honor them as a condition of participation in Leadership Upson.

Applicant Signature

Date

COST PER PARTICIPANT: \$400 – Payment Plans are available

*Payment must be made before February tour or a payment plan agreement must be signed.
If payment is not received by February, participant cannot continue with the 2027 Leadership Program.*

Application Deadline: December 18, 2026

Completed applications can be submitted to the Chamber Office at 201 N Church St or
emailed to Madison at mruttinger@thomastongachamber.com.

Leadership Upson is a program of the Thomaston-Upson Chamber of Commerce.