



Leadership Blount County is a community leadership development program. Its mission is to better equip individuals to achieve goals for the benefit of the individuals and their community. Through education, awareness, and networking, Leadership Blount County lays a foundation for the development and enhancement of leadership potential.

What Does This Program Include?

Sessions will usually be conducted on the third Thursday of each month, typically from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. from January to June and will include presentations on leadership, history of Blount County, education, economic and industrial development, law enforcement and the legal system, community services, and state and local government. Sessions will include field trips.

Who Can Participate In Leadership Blount County?

To help represent a cross section of Blount County, Leadership Blount County brings together a diverse group in terms of race, gender, and occupation, and retired status individuals. Participants need not share a common age, lifestyle or career – only a vision for moving Blount County forward

Purpose

Leadership Blount County is an organization which brings together annually a class of leaders from a wide diversity of backgrounds. Through a series of monthly seminars, these leaders come to know more about the total community and they come to know and understand one another. The purpose of Leadership Blount County is to prepare and encourage its graduates to engage in greater individual and group action in order to contribute to the betterment of the community and its people.

Program Concept

Founded in 2004, Leadership Blount County seeks participants from all sectors of the community: education, business, law, medicine, neighborhoods, social service, the arts, government, religion and so on. Participants may be young or old, male or female, and of any cultural background. The focus is not so much on the solution of community problems as it is on looking at problems and opportunities together.

Program Design

Leadership Blount County programs are designed to explore our community's critical issues in education, government, health care, human services, race relations, criminal justice, economic development, arts and entertainment and the quality of life. The program consists of six monthly meetings featuring on-site visits and a wide variety of speakers. The year ends with a luncheon to celebrate the graduation of the class. To accomplish the objectives of the program, the full participation of each individual is required.

Impact

Leadership Blount County is not a training program for individuals designed to teach leadership. Instead it is designed for persons who have already shown themselves as leaders in one segment of the community or another. Leadership Blount County is a neutral organization. It does not take public policy positions or serve as an advocacy group for any cause. The true impact of Leadership Blount County will be the coming together of individual members, who agree that their shared experiences have had a profound influence on their leadership roles in the community.

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Registration Form

Name _____
Last First Middle Initial

Business Name _____

Phone Number _____ Alternate Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

What do you hope to gain from your Leadership Blount County experience?

Leadership Blount County will require you attend monthly meetings in order for you to complete and receive full benefits of the program.

Participants Signature Date

Employer Signature (To acknowledge full endorsement of employee participation in Leadership Blount County). Date

Payment of \$325.00 tuition is due no later than January 12, 2024. Please make checks payable to “Blount-Oneonta Chamber of Commerce.” Registration forms and payment should be mailed to 110 1st Ave E in Oneonta, AL 35121. The first session is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2024. All sessions will continue on the third Thursday of the month unless notified otherwise.

Any COVID safety measures that will be required of participants such as the use of masks, social distancing, the use of Zoom for some meetings, etc. will be determined prior to the first class and will depend on Blount County’s COVID status at that point in time.