



**Note from the Lead Forward Committee:**

Dear Employer & Community Partner,

The Lead Forward Committee is recruiting the 2024-2025 Leadership Barren County class. Leadership Barren County is a program designed for existing and emerging leaders within the County. Our goal is to educate up-and-coming leaders on the most important opportunities, challenges, and issues within the county and region in order to cultivate diverse and well-rounded leaders to carry our community forward. We hope that your investment in this program will not only help drive the success of your organization and your employees but excite you about the future of leadership in our community.

With this letter, please acknowledge the requirements of the program, as well as tell us why the applicant should be considered for the program.

Sincerely,  
Lead Forward Committee

**Program Agenda Requirements:**

1. Orientation & Reception - **September 5th, 2024** – 5-7 PM at The Grove
2. Leadership Retreat - **September 12th-13th, 2024** - Barefoot Republic Camp & Retreat Center (overnight stay required)
3. Economic Development Day - **October 2nd, 2024**
4. Law & Justice Day - **November 13th, 2024**
5. Civic & Non-Profit Day - **December 11th, 2024**
6. Education Day - **January 15th, 2025**
7. Healthcare Day - **February 12th, 2025**
8. Agribusiness Day - **March 12th, 2025**
9. Tourism & Quality of Life Day - **April 16th, 2025**
10. Lead Forward Retreat - **May 8th-9th, 2025**-Location TBD (overnight stay required)
11. Graduation - **May 22nd, 2025**

## EMPLOYER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & RECOMMENDATION

**The applicant will be required to attend a minimum of six (6) of the seven (7) monthly Day Sessions, perform three (3) community service hours, and attend a minimum of six (6) community activities for graduation. In addition, there will be a group project that will be completed over the course of the 9 months. *If they fail to meet these requirements they will be dropped from the program, forfeiting the admission fee.***

**In a few sentences, please tell us why the applicant representing your organization is recommended for the Leadership Barren County program.**

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### **Acknowledgement of Requirements:**

- Date and time requirements are understood, and the company will provide ample time for the applicant to fulfill those requirements. Tuition of \$750 will be required
- upon acceptance of the program, due no later than September 11, 2024.
- The applicant is over 21 years old.
- There will only be 20 participants selected. Generally, the committee will not elect more than one (1) individual from any organization to participate in any given year. If your applicant is not selected, they are encouraged to apply the following year.

**Signature, Title, & Date:**

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