



## APPLICATION LEADERSHIP BULLOCH CLASS OF 2026

Leadership Bulloch, a flagship program of the Statesboro Bulloch Chamber, is designed to expose business leaders to the opportunities and challenges facing our community as well as to promote and foster the development of leadership. The program educates and prepares community leaders who are committed to shaping the future of our community. Class members will experience a high level of community awareness as they engage in the ten-month program. Day-long class sessions will cover various topics such as Regional Economics, Healthcare & Public Safety, Education and Workforce, Demographics & Diversification and Agribusiness.

All applications are confidential and selection is anonymous. Provide sufficient information for the Selection Committee to make a determination of your eligibility based on your current skills and commitment to community involvement.

### YOUR APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ The completed application
- ✓ A signed program commitment form
- ✓ A signed employer authorization form
- ✓ A digital professional headshot
- ✓ Two references

### QUALIFICATIONS

Those who have an interest in serving in our community and who have demonstrated leadership qualities in their present and past work and volunteer capacities.

### TUITION

Statesboro Bulloch Chamber Members: \$1,400

Non-Statesboro Bulloch Chamber Members: \$1,750

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

All application materials must be received via email by June 6, 2025

## PROGRAM COMMITMENT

There will be a mandatory Meet the Class Reception (**August 12, 2025**) and mandatory Overnight Retreat (**August 23-24, 2025**). Monthly leadership days will occur September through April, with graduation scheduled in May. Hours for the Leadership Days are typically 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Childcare should be considered before agreeing to participate in this program as arriving late and leaving early for childcare will not be excused.

### Absence Policy:

- Meet the Class and Retreat are mandatory. No exceptions. Class members must spend the night at the Retreat.
- To graduate, class members must attend all leadership days. Class members may have one excused absence with no consequences. Class members missing more than one session may remain in the class, but will not graduate in the spring. They will be required to make up that Leadership Day the following year in order to attain the status of graduate of Leadership Bulloch.
- Participants missing more than two sessions will be immediately dismissed from the program, with no refund of tuition.
  - Absence of four (4) hours or more constitutes a full day.
  - Absence of less than four (4) hours constitutes a half day.

Regular homework assignments, including attendance at specific Statesboro Bulloch Chamber and City/County government functions, and a class project will require additional hours outside of normal class meetings.

If you are unable to make a total commitment to attend all sessions, you are encouraged to wait and apply for a future program. Will you be able to meet these requirements? **YES NO** (Please circle one)

I have cleared my calendar on the appropriate LB dates, and if I am selected to participate, **I understand that the Meet the Class and Retreat are mandatory and that I am expected to attend all sessions.** I acknowledge that I am personally responsible for any portion of the tuition not paid by my employer.

My signature below certifies that I have read this entire application, my answers are truthful, and that I live and/or work in Bulloch County.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application, Authorization forms, Headshot and TWO References must be received via email to leadershipbulloch@statesborochamber.com by June 6, 2025.**

## LEADERSHIP BULLOCH TUITION

Tuition for **Statesboro Bulloch Chamber Members**: \$1,400

Tuition for **non-Statesboro Bulloch Chamber Members**: \$1,750

Tuition is payable upon selection of class members.

(Tuition is not due until the applicant is officially notified that he/she has been accepted into the LB Class of 2026.)

Tuition is non-refundable, non-transferable and is the responsibility of the class member upon acceptance into the class, even if the class member changes employment during the year. The class member may continue to participate in LB, but the new employer will not receive recognition.

## EMPLOYER AUTHORIZATION

Full support from the applicant's employer is necessary to be able to effectively participate in Leadership Bulloch.

## LEADERSHIP BULLOCH CLASS OF 2026 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
August 12	Meet & Greet
August 23–24	Overnight Retreat
September 4	Demographics & Diversification
October 2	Agribusiness
November 6	Healthcare & Public Safety
December 4	City/County Operations, Business & Industry
January 8	Education & Workforce
February 5–6	Day at the Capitol
March 5	Regional Economics
April 2	Tourism, History & Culture
TBD	Graduation (Date & Location to Be Determined)

\*Typical LB days are 7:30AM– 5:00PM

I have approved the submission of this application and the time and any financial commitment required on our part for the applicant to participate in Leadership Bulloch. I have read and understand the Cancellation & Refund Policy. By signing this agreement, the employer is agreeing to allow the employee/applicant to be excused from corporate meetings and events on the dates listed above.

**Applicant's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervisor** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## LEADERSHIP BULLOCH CLASS OF 2026 APPLICATION

The full application must be received by June 6, 2025 at [leadershipbulloch@statesborochamber.com](mailto:leadershipbulloch@statesborochamber.com)

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_

NAME CALLED BY \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY OF RESIDENCE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL USED MOST OFTEN \_\_\_\_\_

YEARS IN COMMUNITY \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ MALE/FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_ TEE SHIRT SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

### **EMPLOYMENT** EMPLOYER AUTHORIZATION (must be provided at the time of submission)

PRESENT EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE BEGAN \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ EMPLOYER PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE BRIEFLY WHAT YOU DO IN YOUR CURRENT JOB: \_\_\_\_\_

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LIST ANY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FOR WHICH YOU CURRENTLY VOLUNTEER. IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY IN A LEADERSHIP POSITION, PLEASE NOTE: \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE YOUR MOST SIGNIFICANT VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT/S TO DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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LIST YOUR STRONGEST LEADERSHIP CHARACTERISTICS. HOW DO YOU EXPECT THIS PROGRAM TO ENHANCE YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS? \_\_\_\_\_

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STATE WHAT YOU HOPE TO LEARN ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY THROUGH LEADERSHIP BULLOCH. HOW DO YOU PLAN TO APPLY YOUR ENHANCED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO BENEFIT YOUR COMMUNITY? \_\_\_\_\_

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APPLICATION/REFERENCE LETTER  
DEADLINE: June 6, 2025  
LEADERSHIP BULLOCH, A FLAGSHIP PROGRAM OF THE STATESBORO BULLOCH  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION #1**

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Provide details of your knowledge of applicant's participation and  
leadership in civic, community and/or church activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please share the first three (3) words that come to mind when describing the  
applicant: In your opinion why will the applicant be an outstanding  
Leadership Bulloch participant? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Reference letters must be received no later than June 6, 2025  
Please email to [leadershipbulloch@statesborochamber.com](mailto:leadershipbulloch@statesborochamber.com)  
For more information, call 912-764-6111

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**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION #2**

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Provide details of your knowledge of applicant's participation and  
leadership in civic, community and/or church activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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