



LEADERSHIP BULLOCH CLASS OF 2027 APPLICATION

Leadership Bulloch (LB) is the premier adult development initiative of the Statesboro Bulloch Chamber of Commerce. This immersive program exposes business leaders to an in-depth understanding of both the opportunities and challenges shaping our community while nurturing and honing their leadership skills. Engaging in Leadership Bulloch promises participants profound personal and professional growth in a supportive and collaborative atmosphere.

Class members will develop a high-level of community awareness as they engage in the nine-month program. Each month, participants will dedicate a day to exploring a diverse array of topics, ranging from regional economics, healthcare and public safety, education, workforce dynamics, demographics, diversification, and agribusiness. Additionally, each class adopts a project that makes a positive impact on our community.

All applications are confidential, and selection is anonymous. Provide sufficient information for the Selection Committee to determine 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: \$1,500

Non-Statesboro-Bulloch Chamber Members: \$1,900

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All application materials must be received via email (leadershipbulloch@statesborochamber.com) by **June 5, 2026**.



PROGRAM COMMITMENT

There will be a *mandatory* Meet the Class Reception (**August 13, 2026**) and a *mandatory* overnight retreat (**August 21-22, 2026**). Monthly leadership days will occur from 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: _____

Completed application, authorization forms, digital professional headshot, and TWO references must be received via email to leadershipbulloch@statesborochamber.com by June 5, 2026.



EMPLOYER AUTHORIZATION FORM

Full support from the applicant's employer is necessary to actively and effectively participate in the Leadership Bulloch program.

LEADERSHIP BULLOCH TUITION

Tuition for **Statesboro Bulloch Chamber Members**: \$1,500
Tuition for **non-Statesboro Bulloch Chamber Members**: \$1,900

Tuition is due after the applicant is officially notified of their acceptance into the program and is non-refundable, non-transferable, and 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.

LEADERSHIP BULLOCH CLASS OF 2027 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Date	Event
August 13	Meet & Greet
August 21–22	Overnight Retreat
September 3	Demographics & Diversification
October 1	Agribusiness
November 5	Healthcare & Public Safety
December 3	City/County Operations, Business & Industry
January 7	Education & Workforce
February 4-5	Day at the Capitol
March 4	Regional Economics
April 1	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 agrees 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:** _____



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The completed application, employer authorization form, and reference letters must be received by June 5, 2026 to 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: _____ SEX (circle one): M OR F TEE SHIRT SIZE: _____

PRESENT EMPLOYER: _____ DATE BEGAN: _____

TITLE: _____

EMPLOYER ADDRESS: _____

ZIP: _____ COUNTY: _____ EMPLOYER PHONE: _____

DESCRIBE BRIEFLY WHAT YOU DO IN YOUR CURRENT JOB: _____

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

DESCRIBE YOUR MOST SIGNIFICANT VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT/S TO DATE: _____

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

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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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:

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?

Name of Reference: _____

Company: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Reference letters must be received no later than **June 5, 2026**
Please email to 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:

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?

Name of Reference: _____

Company: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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