

Leadership Elberton was formed in 1995 by the leaderships of the City of Elberton and the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce. They discussed developing a program that cultivated leadership skills by helping local citizens learn more about themselves and the community and how to put those skills to work to serve the community collaboratively.

To teach these skills, they enlisted the help of the University of Georgia, J. W. Fanning Institute for Leadership. The institute provides instructional materials to communities to help reach these goals.

With the support of the Elbert County Extension Agency, the Leadership Elberton program was born. The first program was held in 1996 and was a combination of high school students and business professionals. In 2002, the program separated the youth from the adult program, rotating every other year with each program. However, in 2010 the program organizers decided to combine the programs again in hopes of bridging the gap between present and future leaders in the community.

The program utilizes the instructional material provided by J. W. Fanning Institute to build a foundation of basic leadership skills and knowledge. The 2013 program consists of:

1. Orientation and Understanding Leadership – January 10
2. Communicating Effectively – January 17
3. Community Socioeconomic Profile – January 24
4. Appreciating Differences – January 31
5. Local Judicial System – February 7
6. Field Trip – Capitol and Economic Development Day in Atlanta – February 13
7. Building Teams – February 21
8. Local Government – February 28
9. Setting Goals and Making Group Decisions – March 7
10. Managing Conflict – March 14
11. Exercising Community Leadership – March 21
12. Graduation Ceremony – March 25

To teach these modules, facilitators for each session are obtained by collaborating organizations and through the Leadership Elberton program.

It has been said that leadership is a prime force that makes positive things happen in a community. We hope by your participation in the Leadership Elberton program that you will share ideas and experiences with each other, gain new skills and knowledge about leadership, and develop plans for the quality growth and development of our community.

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