

Leadership Elberton

Leaders have vision.

FACT SHEET

Program Purpose

Leadership Elberton's goal is to improve and broaden community leadership resources through better understanding and education. In achieving our program objectives of personal development and great community collaboration, Leadership Elberton strives to encourage people to be trustees of their community and work for the common good. What makes an effective leader? Our two-month program allows community members to step back from their daily demands and conduct a self-assessment of their leadership skills. The program will inspire new perspectives and provide an opportunity to develop skills and expand knowledge, while simultaneously establishing lasting relationships with diverse colleagues from around Elberton.

Mission

To join a cross section of qualified individuals, develop their leadership skills, and enable them to serve Elberton and solve challenges collaboratively.

Benefits of participating in the program

For your Employer:

- Increased workforce
- Networking opportunities
- Community recognition of the company's commitment to quality-of-life issues.

For the Individual:

- Enhance awareness and knowledge of community
- Networking opportunities
- Greater understanding of personal leadership qualities and capabilities.

For the Community:

- Pool of committed community leaders
- Community members with leadership skills
- Ever-growing population of community members with an increased awareness of Elbert County's strengths, challenges and resources.

Class Schedule *Dates and locations subject to change – all sessions are held on Thursday evenings from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at various locations within the community.*

Throughout the Leadership Elberton Program we will encourage openness and have fun while learning. Each session will build upon the previous session in effort to reinforce the implementation of acquired knowledge and skills at the work place, home and in the community. We will incorporate various teaching methods, including highly skilled and experienced presenters, panel discussions, videos, role-playing and skill practice sessions. Program Curriculum is provided by the **J. W. Fanning Institute for Leadership** through the University of Georgia.

Class Project

There will be a class project selected in which participants will work together on a community issue either through raising awareness, funds, etc.

2008 Adult Program Speakers and Presenters

- **Tammy Tate Gilland**, Senior Director, Constituent Based Fund Raising, Office of Development with the University of Georgia.
- **Fran Oakley**, Assistant Principal of Curriculum with the Elbert County Middle School.
- **Clay Talton**, Extension Coordinator with the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service.
- Lanier Dunn, City Manager for the City of Elberton.
- **Rhonda Driver**, Math Teacher with the Elbert County Comprehensive High School.
- **Donna Webb**, Vice President and Operations Group Manager of Pinnacle Bank.
- **Jessica Wallis**, Loan Officer of Pinnacle Bank.
- **Melissa Sease**, Public Affairs Office for Southeastern Power Administration and a Master Trainer and Facilitator.
- **Allen Lee**, Community Relations and Training Officer with the Elberton Police Department and Certified Trainer with the Peace Officer's Standard and Training (*P.O.S.T.*) Council.
- **Anna Grant Jones**, Economic Developer for the Development Authority of Elbert County, Elberton and Bowman.
- **Mark LeNeave**, Chief Executive Officer for Elbert Memorial Hospital.
- **Jack Bauerle**, Head Swimming and Diving Coach with the University of Georgia.
- **Laura Evans**, Executive Director of Community Partnership.

Graduation Requirements

Participation in the Leadership Elberton Adult Program requires a substantial commitment in time and energy from each class member. Please carefully consider the following:

- Participants who miss more than 1 session will be required to withdraw from the program. The integrity of the program requires that participants be present and on time at all sessions in order to both learn the leadership skills and to develop personal relationships.
- Complete all reading and written assignments in a timely manner.
- Participants will be actively involved with their peers in a selected community project.
- Respect the confidential nature of the discussions and comments made during the program.
- Tuition payment made in full on or before orientation/retreat, unless special arrangements have been made with the Program Committee.

Note on Attendance: *Sometimes it is difficult to attend a program for various reasons, including work and family responsibilities. Despite these challenges, attendance is an important expectation and part of our leadership development.*

Application Process

Applications are open to any interested community member who has the desire, enthusiasm and commitment to develop their leadership skills and knowledge for the benefit of themselves, others and the community. Tuition for the class is \$75 and due upon admission into the program.