



PROGRAM APPLICATION

Leadership Ascension Class of 2026

Applicant Last Name	First Name	MI
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Preferred Name (if different from above)	Years in Ascension Parish
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Home Address	City	State	Zip
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Mobile Phone	Office Phone
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Preferred Email

Special Accommodations? Describe

SELECTION INFORMATION: Diversity Inclusion

Gender	Race	Birth Date	Pronouns
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EMPLOYMENT: Current and former for the last 10 years

Company Name	Present Title	Dates
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Work Address	City	State	Zip
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Primary Supervisor	Supervisor Title
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Supervisor Phone	Supervisor Email
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Briefly describe your primary responsibilities in your employment

Previous Employer	Title	Dates
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EDUCATION: Briefly summarize your educational background (List degrees/certificates received, field of study, etc.)

School	Degree/Certification	Dates
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ORGANIZATIONS/ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Organization	Role(s)	Dates
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GENERAL: Why do you want to participate in a leadership program.

SPECIFIC: Skills/knowledge expected to gain from this program.

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES: Three notable improvement opportunities to impact Ascension Parish.

SPONSOR: Sponsoring Organization/Business – Must be a chamber member.

This candidate has my full support to participate in LEADERSHIP ASCENSION. I am aware of the time commitment involved for effective participation, as well as the financial obligation. Due to the capped enrollment, all companies are limited to one primary candidate. A business with 200 or more employees can nominate a secondary (and must be labeled as secondary) candidate that will be considered if the class does not reach capacity.

Sponsor Name	Professional Relationship
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Corporation/Business	Title
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Phone	Email
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RESUME: Please attach your most current resume (for program purposes). Information included in resume, must also be completed within the application. Resume attached? ☐ Yes ☐ No

DIGITAL HEADSHOT: Please attach a digital headshot that can be used for marketing purposes online and in print for the Ascension Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Ascension Program. Headshot attached? ☐ Yes ☐ No

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION: Letter of recommendation (not your sponsor) **from a Leadership Ascension Alumni** or a colleague who is knowledgeable about your leadership performance and potential. The letter should be on letterhead/company email and include contact information. Letter of Recommendation attached? ☐ Yes ☐ No

TIME COMMITMENT: To graduate from LEADERSHIP ASCENSION, a participant is expected to attend all sessions in full and maintain their chamber membership. **ATTENDANCE AT OPENING RETREAT (January 27-28, 2026 - TUES-WED) and CLOSING RETREAT (November 5-6, 2026 - THURS-FRI) ARE MANDATORY.** Sessions will be the 3rd Thursday of each month between February 2026 and October 2026. **ONLY TWO (REGARDLESS OF APPROVED OR UNAPPROVED) SESSION ABSENCES ARE ALLOWED.** This policy is strictly enforced. In addition, everyone will be required to participate in a group project which will require outside scheduled meetings over the course of the program. Will you be able to fulfill this time commitment? ☐ Yes ☐ No

LEADERSHIP ASCENSION APPROVED PARTICIPANT TUITION: \$1,850.00 (Member) or \$1,850.00 + \$500 (Non-Member). Due upon acceptance. No participant will be registered for Opening Retreat without tuition paid in full. Partial tuition refunds will only be considered prior to Thursday, February 12, 2026. Will you be able to fulfill this financial commitment? ☐ Yes ☐ No Will you need to apply for financial assistance? ☐ Yes ☐ No (Additional information will be required)

I fully understand and acknowledge the purpose, expectations, and commitments associated with the Leadership Ascension program. Should I be selected as a participant, I hereby commit to dedicating the necessary time, effort, and financial resources required for full engagement in the program, with the understanding that all program fees are non-refundable.

I have thoroughly reviewed the schedule of all mandatory events and required sessions, discussed the time commitments with my employer, and have confirmed my ability to meet the attendance requirements in good faith.

Additionally, I understand that participation in the program is a privilege and is contingent upon ongoing constructive engagement, professionalism, and alignment with the program's values. I acknowledge that, in exceptional circumstances, a participant may be subject to release from the program should unresolvable conflicts, behavioral concerns, or other issues arise that significantly hinder the integrity or objectives of the cohort experience.

Incomplete applications will be automatically disqualified from consideration for participation in the current year offering of Leadership Ascension WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

Applicant Signature

Date

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, October 31, 2025

SUBMITTED TO:

Leadership Ascension Selection Committee
Ascension Chamber of Commerce
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