

# LEADERSHIP BELLEVILLE 2024-2025

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## I. CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION

Please complete this application thoroughly and legibly. Include the information requested about yourself, which you believe to be the most outstanding and relevant. Use a separate sheet if necessary. Applicants may attach additional pages or a resume if so desired in response to the following questions.

**This application also requires an ESSAY on why each applicant feels they should be accepted into the program. Please include information, in detail, regarding your leadership strengths and qualifications.**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please write your name as you would like it to appear on your graduation plaque)

Preferred First Name (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. SPONSOR

Name of company/organization sponsoring you: \_\_\_\_\_

Address and phone number of sponsoring company/organization (if different than your employer):  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you are not being sponsored by a company/organization, please check here \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Self-nomination's receive equal consideration)

## III. REFERENCES

List two people who have knowledge of your qualifications as a LEADERSHIP BELLEVILLE candidate.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## IV. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Participants entering into the Leadership Belleville program make a 9-month time commitment in order to be eligible to graduate. \*Please note dates are subject to change.

- Two-Day Retreat - **Attendance at the retreat is mandatory. Any participant who does not attend the retreat cannot continue with the program.**
- Seven full-day sessions once a month: Dates to be announced at [www.bellevillechamber.org](http://www.bellevillechamber.org) - **Any participant missing more than 16 hours throughout the program (October-April) will not meet the qualifications to graduate.**
- Reflection Day – **Attendance is mandatory. Any participant who does not attend Reflection Day and participate in the presentations will not meet the qualifications to graduate.**
- Graduation Banquet – Attendance is strongly encouraged.

**V. TUITION**

Tuition for each participant accepted into Leadership Belleville is **\$1,300** for members of the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce. The price for non-members is **\$1,500**. The participant, the participant’s employer or a sponsoring organization may pay tuition. Tuition is to be submitted upon notice of acceptance into the program and payable prior to September 8, 2023.

**VI. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I understand the purpose of the LEADERSHIP BELLEVILLE program and that the completion of this application does not ensure my acceptance in the 2024-2025 class. If selected, I understand that this is a 9-month program, and I am aware of the time commitment it takes in order to qualify to graduate. I have my employer’s support for my participation, where applicable.

If selected, I will arrange for payment of the \$1,300 member or \$1,500 non-member tuition fee to LEADERSHIP BELLEVILLE on or before September 12, 2024. I understand that tuition is non-refundable.

I certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and are made in good faith. I know and understand that all items herein may be verified.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant Signature) (Date)

I have reviewed this application and understand the time and financial commitment it represents. We agree to support LEADERSHIP BELLEVILLE and these commitments if our candidate is selected.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Employer’s Signature) (Date)

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(Employer’s Printed Name) (Title)

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(Phone) (Email)

Financial scholarships are available for the 2024-2025 class. Scholarship assistance is based on financial need and your company/organization must be a member of the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce. If you are interested in applying for a financial scholarship, please include a separate essay, 500 words or less, stating the reasons why financial assistance is needed. (Scholarships are not guaranteed)

Please check one of the following boxes

- I would like to be considered for a financial scholarship of \$1000 (there is a \$300 commitment fee).
- I would like to be considered for a partial financial scholarship. The amount myself/my company can pay towards the program is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**In order to be considered for a financial scholarship, application and both essays must be returned by June 28, 2024.**

All applications will be handled in the strictest confidence. As a matter of policy, LEADERSHIP BELLEVILLE does not discriminate among applicants and participants on the basis of race, religion, sex, age or disability.

**Applications must be received by the Chamber office by July 26, 2024**

You will be notified of your participation status by August 9, 2024 and tuition is due by September 12, 2024.

**Please send your application to:**

Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce  
216 East A Street, Belleville, IL 62220  
(618) 233-2015 Fax (618) 233-2077  
wpfeil@bellevillechamber.org