



Leadership Ada Class 2020 Application

(Continuing the legacy of the city's founding leaders through education, community vision and service)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First (preferred name)

Home Address: _____
Street City Zip Code

Contact Info: _____
Email Cell Office

OCCUPATION/VOCATION

Employer: _____ Title _____

Employer Address: _____
Street City Zip Code

Length of employment: _____ Contact Numbers: _____
Office

Supervisor Name _____ Phone # _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Begin with High School Name and Location of School	Dates (from- - to)	Degree	Major
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Please list vocational/professional organizations in which you have been active. Do not include civic organizations, public office or political activity.

Organization	Membership Dates	Position Held/Responsibilities
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

COMMUNITY/STATE ACTIVITIES

Please list your civic, religious, political, social or other activities in order of importance to you. Note location if other than Oklahoma. (use separate sheet if needed)

Organization	Membership Dates	Position Held/Responsibilities
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

What is your vision for Ada by the year 2025? (Please limit your response to this space)

In your opinion, what strategies could be implemented to enable your vision to become a reality? How might you be involved? (Please limit your response to this space)

How did you learn about Leadership Ada?

LEADERSHIP ACHIEVEMENTS

What do you consider your most significant leadership contribution(s) or achievement(s) related to your occupation/vocation? (Please limit your response to this section)

What would you consider your most significant leadership contribution(s) or achievement(s) related to your community involvement, unrelated to your occupation/vocation? (Please limit your response to this section)

2020-2021 TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE

Typical day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m.
(Program sessions are subject to change)

Tuesday, August 18th, 2020 (½ Day Afternoon Session)

ORIENTATION/CLASS OVERVIEW – MANDATORY - This session will be a half day orientation. Participants will meet classmates and receive an overview of the Leadership ADA course.

Wednesday, August 19th, 2020

ADA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DAY & HUMAN NEEDS – An in depth of look into the Ada Area Chamber of Commerce. Participants will also gain exposure to some of the programs and facilities in Pontotoc County that work to meet our human need requirements.

Tuesday, September 15th, 2020

HISTORY, QUALITY OF LIFE, & COMMUNICATIONS – A look at Ada’s cultural and historical background of Ada & its citizens. Includes a walking tour of history and sites, events, and activities that contribute to the quality of life in our area. Participants will also explore the communications media located in the area and the role they play in commerce and quality of life.

Tuesday, October 20th, 2020

LOCAL GOVERNMENT & CITY INFRASTRUCTURE – An overview of the structure and function of our local government along with discussion of governments role in addressing local challenges. A look at the behind the scenes operations that make our city run smoothly.

Wednesday, November 18th, 2020

EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- A look at the structure and operation of our public education system. Includes a tour of different campuses in the county.

Wednesday, December 16th, 2020

LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUSTICE SYSTEM – A look at our law enforcement agencies and how they interact. Includes tours of the County jail system. A panel discussion with representatives from each local law enforcement agency. An educational tour of the CLEET training facility and interactive activities.

Wednesday, January 20th, 2021

HEALTH CARE – An overview of medical care in Pontotoc County including tours of hospitals, clinics, and special care facilities. Discussion will focus on the current health care issues facing our community and services that are available.

Wednesday, February 17th, 2021

BUSINESS/INDUSTRY – A look at the diversity of the local business economy including a statistical overview of the county. Includes tours of several area businesses and industry.

TBD

STATE GOVERNMENT – Participants will spend the day at the State Capitol in Oklahoma City.

Wednesday, April 21st, 2021

AGRICULTURE/LAND USE – Discover Chickasaw Country.

TBD

GRADUATION – A special event honoring those who have completed the Leadership ADA program.

APPLICATION

In order to be considered for the selection of Leadership Ada Class 2020-2021 applicants must complete all items listed in this form. Please check it over carefully for any omissions before submitting. All applications are considered confidential and will be used only for the purpose of the selection process.

All applications must be received before 5:00 p.m., **Thursday, August 6th 2020**. You will be notified of the selection by **Monday, August 10th, 2020**. Tuition is due and payable prior to, September, 1st, 2020.

AGREEMENT & COMMITMENT

Agreement:

I understand:

- That completion of this application does not ensure my acceptance to Leadership Ada Class 2020-2021.
- That it is mandatory that I attend all Leadership Ada Class 2020-2021 sessions and absence from more than one (1) full session or from an accumulation of partial sessions equaling more than one (1) session will disqualify me from graduation.
- **That attendance of the Orientation/Retreat session is mandatory.**
- The purpose of Leadership Ada Class 2020 is to educate me on community issues, community partners, inner working of the local governments and to provide the opportunity to inquire on how to participate with organizations that can continually improve our community.
- Tuition is not refundable once program begins. If you leave your current employment, it will be up to your previous employer for your continuation in the program.
- Most sessions consist of physical movement such as walking and climbing stairs
- The commitments above are agreed to and will be bound by in signing this application.

Commitment:

- A. Please include one letter of recommendation. The letter should be from someone who knows you well and can comment on your ability to take your Leadership ADA experience and use it for long-term leadership within our community.
- B. Applicants for Leadership ADA must have the support of their sponsoring business or organization. The sponsor or employer must sign this form to indicate their support of the applicant's participation in the program. Applications will not be considered without this signature.

Sponsor or Employer Signature _____

Print Sponsor/Employer Name _____ Title _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

Please email, mail or deliver the application to the Ada Area Chamber of Commerce prior to the deadline.

Email: swood@adachamber.com

Mail: Leadership Ada Application
Ada Chamber of Commerce
P. O. Box 248
Ada, OK 74821

Delivery: Ada Area Chamber of Commerce
2025 Arlington Street
Ada, OK 74820

For further information, contact:

Shana Wood
President/CEO
Ada Area Chamber of Commerce
580.332.2506 | swood@adachamber.com

PURPOSE

Leadership Ada was designed to ensure future civic leadership by developing the skills of emerging and potential leaders from all sectors of the community. The program's purpose is:

- To identify and motivate potential leaders.
- To acquaint those leaders with community needs and opportunities for interaction with existing leadership on community issues.
- To build greater understanding of the nature of community leadership.
- To challenge greater community involvement.
- To build a realistic understanding of leadership in today's complex society.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The most important factor in participant selection is identifying those individuals who are most apt to use their leadership knowledge and skills for long-term benefit of this community.

Based upon the criteria, individuals selected will:

1. Have demonstrated commitment through *past and current community activities*.
2. Have attained a leadership position within their business or organization or have the potential for advancement to top leadership positions.
3. Have a sincere commitment, motivation, interest in serving their community.
4. Be interested in, or intend to see, leadership roles in the community.
5. Represent a cross selection of the business community of all ages and geographic representation, including government representatives, professional leaders, and community service volunteers.

GRADUATION & ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

One absolute requirement of participation in Leadership ADA is attendance for the entire session. Attendance will be checked in the mornings and afternoons. If a day includes a bus tour, class members are required to ride the bus during the entire session. If a day includes a reception, class members are required to attend the full day. If attendance on any session day is not possible Shana Wood must be notified. Only (1) ONE absence is allowed. More than (1) one will prohibit graduation at the end of the session year.

TUITION

Tuition for the Leadership Ada is **\$525.00** for Ada Area Chamber of Commerce members and **\$645.00** for non-member. Tuition covers program costs, materials, and meals for all sessions.

Payment is due upon acceptance into the program – **do not send payment with this application.** No refunds of tuition or transfer of class selection is permitted. Applicants will be notified of selection status late July.



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