



APPLY NOW FOR THE CLASS OF 2025!



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Participants in Leadership Bedford County are challenged to explore the current issues facing our community from the vantage point of servant leaders. LBC provides insight as to how Bedford County functions as a community: culturally, socially, politically, economically & educationally.

The concept of LBC is to present participants with all the facts about issues facing our community, including the external forces that affect us. These issues are sometimes controversial; participants develop their own opinions and courses of action.

Leadership Bedford County employs a variety of educational approaches, including lecture, discussion, case studies, self evaluation, team building exercises, site visits, fact finding, and problem solving focused on issues facing our community. Facets of our community that are examined include: history & heritage, education, economic development, arts, recreation, tourism, workforce development, government, the judicial system, human resources, agriculture and more.

Participation in the program is open to individuals residing or working in the Bedford County region. Selection is based on the participants' sincere commitment to serve the community, demonstrated community involvement, and desire to make Bedford County the best place possible to live, work, play and prosper.

As of June 2024, 354 servant leaders have proudly graduated from the Leadership Bedford County program, and are making a difference in our communities!

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
JULY 15, 2024**

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Leadership Bedford County 2024-2025 Session Calendar



Session	Date	Location	Planning Leads	Leadership Speaker/Topic (* Tentative)
Orientation*	Mon. Aug. 19, 2024 6:00-8:00pm	Chamber Office Russell House	Business Attire (Class Photos)	<i>Kellie Goodman Shaffer,</i> Your Three Words
Retreat*	Thurs. Sept. 5, 2024 - 8am-6pm Fri. Sept. 6, 2024 - 7:30am-4pm	White Sulphur Springs & Shawnee State Park	Kellie & Dailey Chandler	Corey Christman, <i>From I to We*</i> KGS, <i>Principles of Servant Leadership</i> Rep. Jesse Topper, <i>SWOT/Servant Leadership</i> Sarah Ferrari - <i>Professional Etiquette</i>
History & Culture	Wed. Oct. 16, 2024 8:00 am-5:00 pm	Downtown Bedford (Meet at Mt. Pisgah AME Zion Church)	Lynn Ashe Landon Deftbaugh Adam Osman	Dr. Casey Cover* <i>Inclusive Leadership (IDEA)</i>
Project Lunch Meeting	Tues. Oct. 22, 2024 Noon-1:30pm	Stoooges (Patio)	Kellie	Class Project
Business Development	Wed. Nov. 20, 2024 8:00 am-5:00pm	BCDA & Other Locations	Koren Woy-Smith Jennifer Marsh	Leah Pepple, ACM* <i>Communication Styles</i>
Bedford Co. Leadership Day at the PA Capitol	Tues. Nov. 26, 2024 8:00 am-5:00 pm	Harrisburg Trip (Depart from Walmart Lot)	Bonus Session: Erin Weyant & Kellie	PA Legislators PA Chamber
Government Affairs	Wed. Dec. 18, 2025 8:00 am-5:00pm	Bedford Boro & Bedford Co. Courthouse	Erin Weyant & Kellie	David Freidenbloom, CRSD* <i>Visionary Leadership/Founding Fathers</i>
Health & Human Services	Wed. Jan. 15, 2025 8:00 am-5:00pm	Saxton Library; UPMC Bedford, Homewood at Spring House	Annette Godissart & UPMC Team	Dr. Annette Godissart, UPMC* <i>Leaders' Occupational Burnout</i>
Protective Services / Judicial System	Wed. Feb. 19, 2025 8:00 am-5:00pm	Bedford County Courthouse	Judge Livengood & Judge Hershey	President Judge Travis Livengood* <i>Viruses of Leadership (EM Forester)</i> Ken Salem & Keith Kuckenbrod
Education	Wed. March 19, 2024 8:00 am-5:00pm	Chestnut Ridge School District	Dennis Shaffer Dave Freidenbloom	Thomas Dealerships* <i>Challenge the Process/EOS, The Leadership Challenge, Kim Scott's Radical Candor</i>
Regional Leadership	Wed. April 2, 2025 8:00 am - 3:30 pm	REI (Tentative)	Chambers of the Alleghenies	TBD
Recreation & Tourism	Wed. April 23, 2025 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Bedford Co. Visitors Bureau & Venues TBD	Adam Osman	Kellie Goodman Shaffer <i>Reviewing Principles of Servant Leadership/Graduation Planning</i>
Agri-Business / Natural Resources	Wed. May 21, 2025 8:00 am - 3:30 pm	Horn O Plenty & Venues TBD	Kellie & Katie Fink	Leading in Agriculture/Local Foods* <i>Mandisa Horn, Horn O Plenty</i>
Class Project*	TBD by Class	N/A	Class of 2025	N/A
Visioning & Graduation	Wed. June 18, 2025 8:00 am - 2:00 pm	Hall at Kinton's Knob	Kellie	Corey Christman <i>Your Personal Mission Statement</i>

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*pending confirmation/subject to change



Class of 2025 Application
Deadline to Apply: July 15, 2024

SCAN QR Code
 to Apply Online
 or complete and
 return the print
 form below.



Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Email: _____

How did you become aware of Leadership Bedford County? _____

CURRENT WORK INFORMATION

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone: () _____ Email: _____ Fax: _____

Current Position/Title: _____ Years of Service: _____

Briefly summarize your current job responsibilities:

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please list in order of importance three organizations (i.e., community, civic, professional, religious, social, athletic, etc.) in which you are or have been a member during the past five years. Also list any leadership positions and/or significant contributions.

Name of Organization	Approximate Dates of Membership	Involvement
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- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

How much time each month do you commit to community, civic, professional & other organizations/activities?

_____ hours each month

Why do you want to participate in Leadership Bedford County and what do you hope to gain from the program?

EDUCATION/TRAINING

Degree or Certification

Institution

Dates of Attendance

Please list any seminar or training you have attended in the past five years regarding leadership, management, or community service topics.

Title

Date

Location

PROGRAM COMMITMENT

Leadership Bedford County invests considerable resources toward creating a valuable program for all class participants, and a similar commitment is expected from those who apply for the program as well as the companies/organizations they represent. Attendance during the 2-day retreat in September, the monthly sessions from October through May, special sessions in December and April, and a visioning/graduation program in June are mandatory, along with participation in a class project (details determined by the class.) Outside of extreme circumstances, no more than one absence for a monthly class is permitted to be eligible for graduation. Persons who cannot adjust their schedules to accommodate the session days should not apply. **Class members are expected to attend each session in its entirety to allow all class members to gain the most benefit possible.**

Are you and your employer willing to make such a commitment? Yes, sign below:

Applicant Signature _____

Applicant Printed Name _____

Employer/Supervisor Signature _____

Employer Printed Name, title _____

Full tuition (\$1,500) is due prior to the Retreat for applicants who are selected (unless special arrangements are made) and is non-refundable after September 30th. Tuition will be paid by (select all that apply):

Me personally My employer Organization sponsoring me

Do you need to be considered for partial financial assistance (scholarship)? Yes No

*** If yes, please provide a brief statement outlining why help is needed.**

How do you prefer to be contacted? Home Work

Applicants will be contacted by July 15th to schedule your interview with members of the LBC Steering Committee/Foundation Board. Leadership Bedford County, a program sponsored by Bedford County Chamber of Commerce and 501-c3 Bedford County Chamber (Education) Foundation, adheres to EEOC guidelines and will not discriminate against individuals based on race, sex/orientation, age, religion, disability, national origin, or socioeconomic class.