CHANDLER CHAMBER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Chandler Leadership Institute

What Chandler Leadership Insititute can do for you?

- Enhance your personal leadership and professional skills
- Strengthen your understanding of the Chandler community
- Put you in touch with City and State officials
- Improve your community, by applying your unique talents to make Chandler a better place to live
- Develop long-lasting professional networks with peers and program alumni

The Program

Chandler Leadership Institute is a two year unique on-site, hands-on training program featuring presentations, tours, discussions and exposure to critical issues facing Chandler in the following areas:

- Education
- Government
- Public Safety
- Social Services
- Infrastructure & Environment
- Health
- Life & Leisure
- Media
- Business & Industry

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The Chandler Chamber Community Foundation's Leadership Institute prepares our community future leaders. The purpose of the Chandler Leadership Institute is to provide businesses and community members an opportunity to learn about issues facing our community, develop skills required for community leaders, and motivate participants to become involved in leadership roles and service Chandler. As Chandler grows, so do the needs of its citizenry. Chandler Leadership Institute offers its members a broad range of experiences and insights about the city: its needs and services. The program educates approximately 30 participants annually. To date, the Chamber has a roster of 1,000+ graduates who are serving in leadership roles in organizations in our local community and surrounding region.

Eligibility & Selection Process

- The program accepts up to 30 participants who are current members of the Chandler Chamber of Commerce.
- The leadership program requires a two-year commitment. The first year, you actively participate in the issue days. In the second year, you help plan and design the program for the incoming leadership class.
- Issue days are the third Friday of each month, approximately 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., February through October, with one month having two Issue Days.
- Participation points are earned to graduate; participants are limited to no more than two absences during the first year.
- Application forms are distributed in late summer, the selection process is in late fall, with orientation beginning in February.
- Once accepted into the program, you will receive a welcome letter from the Chandler Chamber Community Foundation.
- Tuition is $650+$25 application fee(non-refundable). This covers study materials, photo, registration and graduation expenses related to class participation. A portion of the program fee goes to scholarships at Chandler-Gilbert Community College.

For more information or to submit your application, please contact info@chandlerchamber.com

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Issue days are typically held the third Friday of each month from February through October, with one month having two Issue days (approximately 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).

Orientation

Participants will meet other members of the class and learn more details of what's ahead in the program. Along with team building activities, we will prepare you to get the most out of this year-long program.

Government Issue Day

Get up close and personal with our elected officials. Gain a better understanding of publicly elected officials; local, state and school district.

Social Service Issue Day

Learn about the Social Services in Chandler and the importance of community involvement as it relates to volunteerism, philanthropy and engagement.

Health Issue Day

Explore the healthcare services offered in Chandler and the opportunities available to improve the health of our community.

Public Safety Issue Day

Understand a day in the life of Chandler Firefighters and Police Officers. This day involves hands on activities that will make you more aware of how our Fire and Police Departments operate.

Business & Industry Issue

Focus on business and economic growth in Chandler and the State. Understand how Chandler businesses interact with the community.

Life & Leisure Issue Day

Familiarize yourself with Chandler recreational areas and entertainment. Discover leisure activities such as parks, aquatics, recreation classes, museums, and other entertainment that Chandler has to offer.

Education Issue Day

Get to know the various educational opportunities within the Chandler Area.

Media Issue Day

Learn about the integral role the news media has in our community. Then, develop skills needed when partnering with media.

Infrastructure & Environment Issue Day

Build awareness on local development in areas of Chandler and Phoenix metropolitan infrastructure.

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The Chandler Leadership Institute program is open to current Chandler Chamber of Commerce Members. Please submit the application, along with a business card and the answers to the questions below. All applications must be filled out entirely to be considered for the leadership program.

Application deadline: Friday, December 18, 2026

Name (to be used on the graduation certificate) _____

Nickname (to be used on name tag) _____

Business Name _____

Title _____

Supervisor's Name and Title _____

Business Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Business Phone _____ **Fax Number** _____ **Work Email Address** _____

Home Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Business Phone _____ **Fax Number** _____ **Work Email Address** _____

Please circle the address you would like to use for leadership correspondence: Home Business

I was refered by: _____

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1. Describe your job title, duties and responsibilities.

2. State your education background including degrees, awards, field of study, professional institutes, training programs, etc.

3. Describe your leadership skills/style. Explain how you expect this program to benefit you.

4. List the major civic, business, and professional activities in which you have participated during the past five years. List any awards or special recognition you have received and indicate for each activity the nature of your participation, including any offices that you have held.

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5. List the names of the three professional references who may be contacted to provide knowledge of your qualifications as a participant.

	Name	Company	Phone #
1.			
2.			
3.			

Once accepted in the program, you will receive a welcome letter. The tuition for Chandler Leadership Institute is $650+$25 application fee (Non-refundable). Full payment is due by the first class meeting. Checks are payable to the Chandler Chamber Community Foundation, 101 W. Commonwealth Ave., Chandler, Arizona 85225.

Participant Agreement

If accepted as a participant of the Chandler Leadership Institute program, I will attend the required leadership issue days sponsored by the Chandler Chamber Community Foundation. **I understand that a total of 210 points to complete the first year and 300 total to graduate the second year. I have read the eligibility and selection process, including the graduation requirements.**

I also understand that I will become a member of the Steering Committee after the first year and will help plan and facilitate Issue Days for the incoming class. The time commitment, including the required leadership issue days on the third Friday of each month, will be from approximately 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. This also will include the first ceremony held in October.

Participant Signature **Date**

**** Please Attach a Business Card and Headshot ****