



Guided by the belief that leadership is key to a community's economic success, the Adel-Cook and Berrien County Chamber's have again partnered with UGA's J.W. Fanning Institute to provide updated curriculum and training for session facilitators for the 2026 class. LINC consists of six-day long sessions (1 each month) designed to expand your personal leadership skills, as well as provide exposure to resources, assets and other leaders in both communities. This is a unique opportunity for participants to learn more about their neighboring community.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

All applications are confidential, and selection is anonymous. Please provide sufficient information for the Selection Committee to make a determination of your eligibility based on your current skills and commitment to community involvement and growth.

Complete only those items that apply to you. Leave others blank.

I. BASIC INFORMATION

Name _____
Last First MI Name Called

Spouse's Name _____
Last First MI Name Called

Home Address _____ Cell Phone _____

City County State Zip Code

Date of Birth _____ Male/Female _____ Race _____

Present Employer _____

Business Address _____

Bus. Phone # _____ Bus. Fax # _____ E-mail _____

How long have you lived and/or worked in Berrien/Cook County? _____

II. PRESENT EMPLOYMENT

Present Title or Position _____

Briefly describe your responsibilities in your employment _____

III. BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS (IF ANY)

Do not include civic organizations, public office, or political activities.

Name of Group	Position Held	Period of Affiliation
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

IV. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please include civic, religious, political, government, social, or other activities and your involvement in these activities. Do not include business/professional activities.

Name of Group	Position Held	Period of Affiliation
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

V. ACTIVITIES DURING SCHOOL YEARS

Educational background

Activities, offices, and recognition for special contributions

VI. COMMITMENT

What do you consider your leadership strengths? _____

Weaknesses? _____

What are you hoping to gain by participating in LINC? _____

What do you feel you can contribute to LINC? _____

As a potential leader in Berrien/Cook County, what are your major concerns? _____

What goals have you set for yourself? _____



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 **THE**
Chamber
ADEL-COOK COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Connecting Business and Community

SESSION SCHEDULE

Community Leadership Program 2026

PROGRAM OUTLINE

LINC consists of 6-day long sessions (1 each month) designed to expand your personal leadership skills, as well as provide exposure to resources, assets and other leaders in both communities. This is a unique opportunity for participants to learn more about their neighboring community. Each day will consist of classroom time and tours highlighting local industries in each community.

- **January 27 - Opening Retreat**

Held in Berrien County

8:30 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Real Colors Test | Team Building | Understanding Leadership

- **February 24**

Held in Cook County

8:30 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Effective Communication

- **March 24**

Held in Berrien County

8:30 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Collaboration | Group Decision Making

- **April 28**

Held in Cook County

8:30 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Conflict Management

- **May 19**

Held in Berrien County

8:30 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Leading Change

- **June 18**

Held in Cook County

8:30 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Multigenerational Leadership

- **Graduation Ceremony - June 18**

Held in Cook County

6:30 P.M.

Venue TBA

Have you discussed your nomination with your employer and do you have the full support of your employer and spouse (if any) for the time required participating in LINC?

___ YES ___ NO

Employer's Signature _____

Successful completion of the LINC class shall mean attendance at the initial retreat and completion of at least (5) of the (6) sessions. A participant can participate in the graduation exercises without meeting attendance requirements, but will receive a certificate of participation instead of a plaque of completion. Do you fully understand and agree to meet these criteria?

___ YES ___ NO

Date _____ Signature _____

Application must be returned by December 15, 2025

Applications should be mailed to: LINC

Adel-Cook County Chamber of Commerce
100 S. Hutchinson Avenue, Adel, GA 31620