



The Adel-Cook County Chamber of Commerce is currently taking applications for Leadership Cook 2021. Leadership Cook is a community leadership program for developing and sustaining leadership in our community. This program uses the recently updated University of Georgia Fanning Institute *Community Leadership Program* which has a proven track record of success. Embedded in this curriculum is the belief that people must continuously develop their skills and knowledge to be effective leaders.

Leadership Cook's comprehensive program consists of five modules intended to give new and emerging leaders a foundation for leadership development. The five modules are: *Understanding Leadership, Communicating Effectively, Group Decision-Making, Collaboration, and Leading Community Change*. A typical day of Leadership Cook training will include one of the five module presentations in the morning, lunch, and then spending the afternoon on various community visits designed to reinforce that morning's lesson.

Leadership Cook will require a total commitment to the program of 6 full days and one evening over a period of six months. Each day typically starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends by 5:00 p.m. The following dates have been set aside for Leadership Cook 2021:

April 20 <sup>th</sup>	May 27 <sup>th</sup>
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	July 28 <sup>th</sup>
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	September 30 <sup>th</sup>

Leadership Cook is limited to only 20 participants. An application is available at the Chamber and online at [www.adelcookchamber.org](http://www.adelcookchamber.org). Applications should be returned no later than March 20<sup>th</sup>. As a member of the Adel-Cook County Chamber of Commerce, your investment for the course is only \$350. The investment for non-chamber members is \$450. This investment includes all costs for the six-month program including speakers, scheduled meals, materials, field trip transportation, and graduation. Program fees must be paid in full by April 1, 2021 in order to participate in the class.

We urge your participation in Leadership Cook 2021. We believe it will have a positive impact on both you and our community. If you have questions, contact the Chamber at 896-2281.

Sincerely,  
Heather Green, President



## 2021 LEADERSHIP COOK

Guided by the belief that leadership is key to a community's economic success, the Chamber has partnered with UGA's J.W. Fanning Institute to provide updated curriculum and training for session facilitators for the 2021 class. Leadership Cook 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 our 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
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Name Called

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last
First
MI
Name Called

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Cook County? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously participated in Leadership Cook? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what year? \_\_\_\_\_

**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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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**V. ACTIVITIES DURING SCHOOL YEARS**

Educational background

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Activities, offices, and recognition for special contributions

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**VI. COMMITMENT**

What do you consider your leadership strengths? \_\_\_\_\_

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Weaknesses? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you feel you can get out of Leadership Cook? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you feel you can contribute to Leadership Cook? \_\_\_\_\_

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As a potential leader in Cook County, what are your major concerns? \_\_\_\_\_

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What goals have you set for yourself? \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Leadership Cook?

YES

NO

Employer's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Successful completion of the Leadership Cook 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Leadership Cook Session Dates**

<b>Session</b>	<b>Date(s)*</b>	<b>Time*</b>
<b>Session #1:</b>	April 20	8-5
<b>Session #2</b>	May 27	8-5
<b>Session #3</b>	June 22	8-5
<b>Session #4</b>	July 28	8-5
<b>Session #5</b>	August 25	8-5
<b>Session #6</b>	September 30	8-5
<b>Graduation &amp; Celebration</b>	September 30	7

*\*Dates and times of each session are subject to change.*

**Application must be returned by March 20, 2021.**

Applications should be mailed to: Leadership Cook  
Adel-Cook County Chamber of Commerce  
100 S. Hutchinson Avenue  
Adel, GA 31620

*With the recent impact of the Coronavirus, the Chamber Board of Directors is mindful of implications to our program, participants and speakers. In recognition that circumstances may change and evolve throughout the program, the 2021 program of Leadership Cook will transition accordingly to ensure the public safety, health and welfare of all involved based on guidance from any Executive Orders issued by Governor Brian Kemp. We will do our best to address concerns and issues as they arise and will be open and transparent if changes need to be made to the delivery of this year's program. We appreciate your support and patience as we continue to work to provide a high-quality, high-value leadership development program while remaining mindful of health and safety implications for all involved.*