



The Leadership Beaufort Program
Class of 2026 – 41st Class of the Program

PROGRAM CALENDAR

Leadership Beaufort's Class of 2026 will usually meet the first Friday of every month between October 2025 and April 2026, usually from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at various locations. The program begins and ends with a weekend retreat and **the cost is \$ 1200.** Some partial scholarships **may** be available. **Do not send payment with your application.** The tentative schedule is:

Orientation – 5:30 – 6:30 pm	Leadership Retreat Weekend	Wednesday, August 13, 2025 September 5-7, 2025
Session 1	History & Quality of Life	October 3, 2025
Session 2	Environment	November 7, 2025
Session 3	Economy	December 5, 2025
Session 4	Public Services & Health	January 9, 2026
Session 5	Law	February 6, 2026
Session 6	Education	March 6, 2026
Session 7	Government	April 10, 2026
Leadership Retreat Weekend	Graduation Dinner	May 1-3, 2026 Wednesday, May 6, 2026 (Evening)

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance at both retreats is **mandatory**. Participants cannot miss more than one monthly session and successfully complete the program. (But may make up sessions in a subsequent year) Sessions ***typically*** last from 8 am to 5 pm. Participants are expected to attend the **entire** day's session, including **lunch**.

SELECTION CRITERIA

We are looking for a diverse group in hopes of reflecting the population of the greater Beaufort area. This would include a variety of age groups, cultures, men and women, persons new to the area as well as long-time residents, different professions, etc. If someone is not chosen as a participant in this year's class, they are encouraged to reapply in another year. Applicant interviews will be held during the month of June, with the class anticipated to be announced by July 2025

Several alternates will be chosen and are quite often placed closer to the September retreat. **No alternates will be placed after the first retreat.**

Partial scholarship funds ***may*** be available – please contact Connie Hipp (843) 812-6822 cell for more information.



LEADERSHIP BEAUFORT APPLICATION

Name _____ Prefer to be called _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____ (fax) _____

Email _____ Ethnicity _____

Birth date _____ Number of Years in Beaufort Region _____

How did you find out about Leadership Beaufort? _____

EMPLOYMENT

Employer _____ Title _____

Employed since _____ Supervisor/Title _____

Describe your responsibilities _____

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Three most recent - include dates.

EDUCATION

High School _____ Degree and Year _____

Post Secondary _____ Degree and Year _____

Other _____

Will your firm/institution provide the necessary support should you be selected? _____ Yes _____ No

Will financial assistance be necessary for you to participate? _____ Yes _____ No

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Local/State/Regional - List membership and offices held in key professional, civic, social and political organizations.

Organization

Offices Held

Dates

(OVER)

What is the most significant thing you have learned from your community/volunteer involvement? _____

List any honors you have received _____

How have you demonstrated leadership in the following areas? (A & B)

A) Volunteerism in your community (100 words or less) _____

B) Your professional field (100 words or less) _____

What do you hope to gain from Leadership Beaufort? _____

What do you hope to contribute to the Leadership Beaufort program? _____

My Personal commitment to the program: I plan to participate in all activities planned for this program and understand the attendance policy and selection objectives.

Signature _____

**APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED TO THE BEAUFORT REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
OFFICE NO LATER THAN 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 23, 2025**

If you are mailing your application, please mail in enough time to be received by the 23rd.

If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact
Connie Hipp conniehipp1@gmail.com or her cell 843.812.6822

Mailing address: Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 910, Beaufort, SC 29901

Deliver to Street Address: 1106 Carteret Street, Beaufort, SC 29902

Or you may email your application to Connie Hipp at the address above

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