



Confidential Application Class of 2023-2024

Welcome to the opportunity of a lifetime!

Founded in 1981 by the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce by a group of leaders that wanted to increase volunteerism in the Stockton Community. With almost 950 graduates, Leadership Stockton is a proven, award-winning program of the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations for taking the first step (the application) to update your thinking on serving our community. Historically, your class members become a second family which you can always call on in your future endeavors.

Here is how to become part of Leadership Stockton:

- Complete the application on paper or online. www.stocktonchamber.org or www.leadershipstockton.com
- Your application includes a page to be completed by your employer (if you are not self-employed).
- Paper applications must be submitted to the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce by Friday, June 9, 2023, at 12:00 PM. 445 W Weber Avenue, Suite 220, Stockton, CA 95203
- Next an interview will be scheduled. All applicants will be interviewed by a panel of Leadership Stockton alumni. Interviews are usually in late June or early July.
- You will hear in mid to late July if you will be selected for the Class of 2024. The first session will be in August.
- If you are not selected, please apply again next year. With only 30 students accepted each year, the selection process is difficult. The interview panels are seeking to make a diverse class that is interested in making Stockton a great place to live, work, and play.

Before you apply, make sure that this is the year for you! Here is more about what to expect:

- Leadership Stockton meets for eleven months. Dates are on the application. There are three mandatory sessions. You may only have one full day absence OR two-partial days. It is important for you to attend all the sessions to fully gain what the program has to offer. Classes are from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Lunch is provided, and class members are expected to stay through lunch.
- In addition to the class sessions, class members will be participating in a group project. The class decides on what the project is by determining what the group thinks needs to be improved. The class raises the funds to complete the project. Class members will need to meet outside of class to make the project happen. The completed project is an accomplishment that no one forgets.



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- Class members are also asked to complete individual projects. These projects are the class member's choice and will provide the opportunity to go on a ride-a-long, attend a board meeting, donate blood, and much more.
- Professional dress is required for most sessions. Some sessions may be casual depending on the activities.
- Each month focuses on a specific area of what is important in leadership. Check the application to make sure you will make the dates in the year you are applying.
 - August: Orientation and Leadership Dynamics
 - September: Retreat, Decision of the Class Project
 - October: History, Arts, and Culture
 - November: Economy
 - December: Local Government
 - January: Law Enforcement / Justice
 - February: Community Serving Community
 - March: Education
 - April: Health Care
 - May: Politics
 - June: Closing Session and Graduation.

Tuition for the Class of 2024 will be \$2,000. It is suggested that \$200 be paid by the class members themselves. The remainder of the tuition may be paid by an employer, service club, organization, or the class member. The first \$200 must be paid before orientation. The remaining balance must be paid by December 31, 2023. The Leadership Stockton Alumni Association does offer a partial scholarship. The amount is determined by how many class members request a scholarship. Arrangements for a payment plan must be made prior to class starting.

Questions may be answered by contacting the Leadership Stockton Program Director, speaking with an alumni member, or attending the Leadership Stockton Recruitment Mixer.



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Personal Data

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Preferred or Informal Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Personal Phone: _____ Personal E-mail: _____

Personal Cell Phone: _____

Do you expect to be living in this area in three years? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Employment Data

Current Employer: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____ Business E-mail: _____

Job Title _____ Years in position: _____

Responsibilities in your current position:

Previous positions held:

<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Time There</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Educational Background



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1. How did you hear about the Leadership Stockton program?

2. In order of importance to you, list your present and past commitments to any community, civic, religious, social, athletic, and other organizations.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Position Held</u>	<u>Dates of Participation</u>

3. Please list any special awards, recognitions, certificates, or certification.

4. What do you consider your greatest achievement in question 3, and why?

5. How much time do you commit to an organization and to community activities per month?

6. If you have not had time or interest to become actively involved in the past, what conditions have changed that now enable you to seek involvement in the community?



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7. What qualities do you feel make you a potential community leader? Give examples of how these attributes have been demonstrated.

8. Please list the three most significant challenges facing the greater Stockton area today.

A)

B)

C)

9. What do you feel needs to be done about one of these issues from question 8?

10. Please list the three most notable opportunities the greater Stockton area has to offer:

A)

B)

C)

11. In your opinion, what needs to be done to develop one of opportunities from question 10?



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12. What do you hope to gain from your Leadership Stockton experience? What are your expectations?

13. In 5 to 7 words, how would your friends / business colleagues describe you?

14. Describe your long-term life and career objectives.

15. If you are selected for Leadership Stockton, what unique characteristics and strengths do you bring to the class?

16. Do you currently or have you previously participated in other leadership programs or training? If so, please describe.

17. Please describe commitments for the coming year including work, family, school, and volunteering:

Work: _____

Family: _____

School: _____

Volunteering: _____

Other _____



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Commitment and Participation

Graduation from Leadership Stockton requires the following participation and commitments. Please initial on the spaces below indicating your understanding and agreement.

_____ Class sessions are scheduled from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM once a month from August through June. If we need to start earlier, it will be announced. See schedule on right for this year's session dates.

_____ There are three mandatory sessions: orientation, leadership dynamics, and the overnight retreat. All class members are required to attend these sessions. Class members that do not attend these three sessions will be deleted from the program with no tuition refund. The retreat is only for class members (no spouses, children, etc.).

_____ Participants may only miss a maximum of one full day **OR** two partial days. Leadership Stockton defines a partial session as not staying for the complete session. After missing more than one full day **OR** two partial days a class member will be deleted from the program with no tuition refund.

_____ Time to return phone calls will be allotted during short breaks and lunch. Class members are not allowed to use their mobile devices during class and may not leave the premises at any time.

_____ Class members are expected to complete Individual Projects to become better acquainted with all facets of the community. These activities are based on a point system. Activities selected must add up to 20 points. Class members may select what projects they complete. Activities include attending a chamber event; going on a police, sheriff, or fire department ride-a-long; donating blood; attending a Civic meeting; and much more. These activities are completed outside the Leadership Stockton Sessions and are due at the May session.

_____ Volunteer time is required to plan for - and - complete the selected class project, often in evenings and weekends. Participants can expect to spend 10-30 hours completing the project.

_____ To avoid conflicts of interest, class members that are involved with area non-profit organizations (staff, board member, or volunteer) must disclose completely in the decision process to be considered as a possible class project.

_____ Class members employers (if any) must give their approval to participate in Leadership Stockton. Applicants will have their employer complete the employers' section of this application (page 9).

_____ While attending sessions, working on the class project, completing individual projects or representing Leadership Stockton, class members are expected to represent the Leadership Stockton program with the utmost of professionalism and respect toward others.

Sessions for 2023-2024

August 4 -Orientation*

August 11 -Leadership Dynamics*

September 22/23- Overnight Retreat*

October 13 - History, Arts & Culture

November 3- Economy

December 8 - Local Government

January 12 - Law Enforcement / Justice

February 9 -Community Serving Community

March 8 - Education

April 12 - Health Care

May 9 - Politics—Visit/Tour State Capital

June 13 - Closing Session

June 13 - Graduation

* Indicates mandatory session



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Tuition

The tuition fee is \$2,000 per class member. Each class member is required to pay the first \$200 of the tuition fee. The remainder of the tuition may be paid by any club, organization, business, employer, or class member. No monies will be collected until notification of acceptance. All tuition is due by December 31, 2023. Payments may be made if arranged with the Program Director prior to the orientation session. Financial assistance may be available through the Leadership Stockton Alumni Association. You are encouraged to seek sponsor(s) if your employer is not paying the tuition as partial scholarship funds are limited. If accepted the Leadership Stockton Program Director will contact you regarding tuition.

If accepted:

- ☐ I will pay the entire tuition.
- ☐ I will pay the first \$200 and my employer or sponsor will pay the remainder of the tuition.
- ☐ I will pay the first \$200 and will require financial assistance.

Acceptance

I understand the purpose of Leadership Stockton and that completion of this application does not ensure candidate acceptance. I am willing to abide by the tuition, attendance, and participation requirements.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Optional Data:

You are being asked for the following because we endeavor to embrace inclusivity and those individuals selected for the program reflect the diversity of the community. Any answers which you feel will not significantly add to the Selection Committee's knowledge should be considered optional.

Race: _____ Age: _____ Do you require special access accommodations? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Other information



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Employer Commitment Form

Applicant's Name: _____

Employer Page

All applicants must have their employer's commitment, if not self-employed.

Applicant section

- ☐ I am self-employed.
- ☐ My boss is out of the area, but I was able to receive to obtain my employer's commitment (documentation attached).
- ☐ My employer is signing below.

Employers are welcome to contact the Leadership Stockton Program Director for more information. Employers are pleased with an employee that is a Leadership Stockton class member and then, graduate. The knowledge and skills obtained through Leadership Stockton will often benefit the employer as well.

Employer Commitment

I am aware that _____ (employee's name) is applying for Leadership Stockton. I am aware of the attendance requirements and offer my support. I am aware that my company's name will be listed with the class member on the Leadership Stockton and Leadership Stockton Alumni Association's website.

Employer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return and complete form before the June 9, 2023, Noon Application deadline.

Please email completed form to carolyn@stocktonchamber.org

Or mail to:

Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce
c/o Leadership Stockton
445 W. Weber Ave #220
Stockton, CA 95203