

2019-2020 Leadership Walton

What is Leadership Walton?

Leadership Walton is a program of the Walton County Chamber of Commerce that develops leaders for our community.

The Leadership Walton program encourages and fosters the development of community leaders by using formal study program. The mission of the program is to broaden the volunteer leadership base, identify and train future leaders for participation in community affairs, provide opportunities for dialogue with existing community leaders, and promote a network of informed, motivated community leaders.

The program is designed as an educational experience that increases all participants' knowledge and awareness of community functions and familiarizes them with community leaders and resources. Through this experience the participants become better able to involve themselves in the community and better prepared to lead Walton to a better future. Leadership Walton does not attempt to create a consensus of opinion or to promote any specific issue.

The Walton County Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Leadership Walton organization. It is one of many Leadership organizations established throughout Georgia and the United States.

Who Participates in Leadership Walton?

Those who care about the quality of life in our community and who wish to develop their skills to help shape and direct its future are invited to participate in Leadership Walton.

Participants for each Leadership class are selected to establish a diversified group in terms of race, sex, and occupation. Each Leadership class includes individuals from the business, social service, neighborhood, religious, cultural and education organizations that make up Walton County.

Nominations for this program come from businesses, organizations and individuals. Once nominated, each nominee is asked to complete an application. The Leadership Walton Steering Committee makes final selection of participants.

What Can the Participant Expect?

Each participant will learn about the challenges facing Walton County and about the people and organizations that work to develop and manage the response to these challenges. Participants also learn new leadership skills to use in their own efforts to address community issues.

Learning environments include both classroom training and community orientation sessions. Classroom training sessions include topics on community awareness and on developing individual and community leadership skills.

Community orientation sessions may include presentations on public safety, health, growth, education, regional relationships, economic development planning and quality of life. The format of each session gives participants facts, opinions, and ideas relating to the subject and lets the participants speak directly with county leaders and service providers about problems, solutions, issues and opportunities.

How Much Time Will Be Required?

The Leadership Walton Program consists of one two-day retreat, nine one-day sessions, periodic study group sessions and a graduation ceremony. Meetings and activities are distributed over a nine-month period. **Each participant is expected to make a commitment to attend all of the sessions.**

What is the Cost?

Tuition for the Leadership Walton class is \$680 per person. Tuition is used to defray the cost of guest speakers, transportation, meals, retreat expenses, JW Fanning Institute and administrative costs. Each participant is responsible for paying their own tuition or for making arrangements for their tuition to be paid by their employer or sponsoring organization. If needed, the applicant may request special financial arrangements and apply for a partial scholarship.

After graduation participants should become an active member of Leadership Walton Alumni. The annual dues for LWA is \$50.

2019-2020 Leadership Walton Nomination

Please complete this form by May 13, 2019 and mail or fax (770-267-0961) or email to:

**Leadership Walton
P.O. Box 89
Monroe, Georgia 30655
connie@waltonchamber.org**

Nominee:

Name _____

Business _____

Position/Title _____

Business Address _____

City _____

Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Business Phone _____

Home Address _____

City _____

Zip Code _____

Nominated by:

Name _____

Business _____

Position/Title _____

Business Address _____

City _____

Zip Code _____

Business Phone _____

This nomination form may be reproduced to make additional nominations. For more information concerning **Leadership Walton**, contact the Walton County Chamber of Commerce at 770-267-6594.

Forms not fully completed will not be accepted.