



Leadership Callaway Class of 2027 Application

Program Schedule

August: Orientation

September: Past, Present, & Future

October: Local Government, Police, and Fire Education

November: Education

December: Community Outreach

January: Economic Development & Entrepreneurship

February: State Government

March: Healthcare

April: Closing Session

May : Commencement

*Leadership Callaway sessions will be held on the Second
Thursday of each month.*

Application Instructions

Your completed application will consist of:

- 1. Pages 1-5**
- 2. A typed explanation (up to one page) of what you hope to gain from participating in Leadership Callaway.**
- 3. Two letters of recommendation from sources who have observed your leadership skills or potential**
 - Please type or clearly print your answers in black ink. This application is also available by emailing workforcedevelopment@callawaychamber.net.**
 - Limit answers to available space if possible. Additional pages may be attached.**
 - The application and any other attachments must be emailed no later than April 1, 2026.**
 - Both the applicant and the applicant's employer or supervisor, if applicable, must sign the application and commitment to the attendance policy.**
 - The Leadership Callaway Class of 2027 Reveal will take place in May 2026, beginning at 5 pm in conjunction with the Junior Leadership Callaway Class of 2026 graduation.**

Email workforcedevelopment@callawaychamber.net or drop off applications to the Chamber no later than April 1, 2026.

**Callaway Chamber of Commerce
510 Market Street
Fulton, MO 65251**

Applicant Name: _____

My application includes:

- Pages 1-5, completed (Page 5 is the typed explanation of what you hope to Gain)
- A typed explanation of what I hope to gain from participating in Leadership Callaway.
- Short Bio and Picture (these will be used to announce the class in the newspaper, social media, and the class reveal in May)

I Have: (Please Check Each box)

- Read the Attendance requirements and selection criteria
- Read the Signed the participant commitment and pledge

Attendance Requirements

Attendance is required at all full-day sessions. Even though emergencies do arise, any participant missing more than two days will automatically be dropped from the program. Missing any portion of a half-day will be considered a half-day absence. In order to gain full benefit from the program, participants must attend the August Orientation, April closing session, and May Commencement. Those who are unable to attend should delay their application until the following year.

Session hours may vary slightly, normally the days begin at 8 a.m. and end by 4:00 p.m.

Selection Criteria

The following will be considered in evaluating each applicant.

- Applicant's previous and current involvement in Callaway County
- Applicant's involvement in his/her own sponsoring business or organization
- Leadership potential
- Motivation/Attitude
- Education/Training
- Career Background/Work Experience
- Special Consideration (estimated time available for community work, potential for contribution to the community, representation of previously unrepresented segment of the community, ability to help create a more diverse class)

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIDENTIAL EVALUATION- CLASS 2027

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Business Address

Business Telephone

Home Address

City/State

Zip

Cell Phone

Email Address

Other information about you that would add to the diversity of the cohort (Please free to use an additional sheet of paper if needed):

Employment

Present Employer

Date of Employment

Present Title or Responsibility

Effective Date

Education

College/ specialized Training

Date of Attendance

Certifications

Effective Date

Community Activities

List any Community, religious, social, and other organizations in which you have been involved include: Dates, position held if any and years position was held.

What have you accomplished in these community activities that you think are important?

Special Recognition for and Leadership Activities completed:

Participant Commitment and Pledge

Leadership Callaway is designed to be a learning experience and requires the following commitment on the part of the participant:

1. I fully understand the Attendance Requirements printed on page 1.
2. I understand that there will be some activities in addition to the regular sessions (independent activities, meetings, tours, interviews, etc.) at which all participants will be expected to participate.
3. I understand that the tuition is \$650.
4. I understand that the full amount of tuition is due to the Callaway Chamber of Commerce office no later than August 28, 2026.
5. If selected, I will not use content from the sessions or statements made for the purpose of news coverage.
6. If selected, I will not use the name of Leadership Callaway or Callaway or the Chamber of Commerce in a political campaign to imply endorsement by Leadership Callaway.

Applicant Signature

Print Name

Employer's Commitment

An employer must fully support an applicant in his/her participation in the program. Please have your employer or supervisor (if applicable) sign the following commitment.

This application has the approval of this firm, and the applicant has our full support, which includes the time required to participate in the program.

Signature

Company/ Organization