



The Arkadelphia Regional Economic Development Alliance and Area Chamber of Commerce is currently recruiting members for **Leadership Clark County Class XI**. We are pleased to continue this program, now celebrating its eleventh cohort, because knowledgeable and skilled leaders are critical to the growth of Clark County. This program is designed for those who are committed to shaping the future and aimed at developing and encouraging local leadership, as well as supporting the character and heritage of Clark County. The program seeks to produce a networked group of leaders who understand the county's special sense of place and share a common commitment to support and sustain our economy.

Please see the tentative schedule below and make note that the **April Orientation** is a **mandatory** event for all class members. Full day sessions will follow the retreat with a graduation celebration occurring at the 2027 Annual Chamber Banquet. There will be one overnight event to include the Legislative Reception held during the 2027 Legislative Session.

A wide variety of speakers and panelists will help participants develop effective leadership skills and knowledge in a wide range of topics. Current topics include Clark County history, education, natural resources, economic development, state government, local government, healthcare, and tourism.

Tuition for the program is set at \$500 per participant and includes all meals and activities during each session and your Leadership Clark County polo shirt and name tag.

Please submit completed applications to:

Via email: jon@arkadelphiaalliance.com

Via mail: Leadership Clark County, PO Box 400, Arkadelphia, AR 71923

For additional information, contact Jon Merryman at 870-246-1460 or jon@arkadelphiaalliance.com.

Session dates for Leadership Clark County Class X (subject to change)

- April 30 & May 1 – Orientation, Leadership Development and Class Project (mandatory)
- July 30
- August 26
- September 15
- October 15
- November 12
- December 2
- January 14
- February 23 & 24 - Overnight in Little Rock
- March 4
- March 11 - Graduation (Annual Chamber Banquet)

Leadership Clark County Class XI Application Form

Personal Data

Full Name _____

Company Name _____

Job Title _____

Company Address _____

Company Phone _____ Company Fax _____

Email Address _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Hobbies and Special Interests _____

How long have you lived in Clark County? In Arkansas? _____

Please list one fact that most people do NOT know about you. _____

Employment

Briefly describe your current job responsibilities. _____

Business/professional affiliations (not including civic organizations, public office, or political activities). List name of group, position held or assignments, and the period of affiliation. _____

Leadership Involvement

List state, community, civic, religious, political, government, social, athletic, or other activities. Indicate any major role in organization currently. _____

What do you consider the three most pressing problems facing Clark County? _____

Application Info and Deadlines:

- Application due date: February 27, 2026
 - A limited number of scholarships are available to help cover a portion of the tuition cost. Please note that Leadership Clark County may not be able to provide the full amount requested but will work diligently with the participant to create an affordable payment plan. If you are requesting a scholarship, please include a statement with your application that addresses why you need financial assistance.
 - Your application is not considered complete unless all the following items are submitted by the due date:
 - ☐ Completed Application
 - ☐ Color Headshot Photograph
 - ☐ One Letter of Recommendation
 - ☐ Scholarship Application (if applicable)
 - ☐ Signed Commitment Form Below
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Leadership Clark County Class X Commitment Form (please check your agreement and understanding of each item):

- ☐ Program tuition is \$500 per participant payable upon acceptance to the program which includes all meals and activities during each session and your Leadership Clark County polo shirt and name tag.
- ☐ Tuition is non-refundable and must be paid by September 6th unless other written arrangements have been made with the Alliance and Chamber.
- ☐ If applicable, my employer is aware that I have applied to Leadership Clark County and will allow me to fully participate in the program.
- ☐ I will be responsible for the cost of overnight accommodation during the Little Rock session. The Alliance and Chamber will secure a room block and will communicate that information to class members. I understand that it's my responsibility to book my hotel accommodation and any expenses will be my responsibility. You do not have to stay overnight but it is recommended.
- ☐ Scholarship requests must be made when submitting the application.

Applicant Signature

Date

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