



PARTICIPANT APPLICATION CLASS OF 2026-27

Thank you for considering Leadership Modesto, now in its 43rd year! The purpose of Leadership Modesto is to identify current and potential Modesto leaders and to provide a ten-month program that will develop knowledge and understanding of the community, its complexities and its potential. The program will also provide an opportunity for participants to meet and exchange ideas with each other and current community leaders, and to motivate and encourage participants to assume leadership roles in community affairs.

The program begins each year with a weekend retreat focusing on leadership, self-reflection and team building. Each of the events during the year offers a behind-the-scenes look at our city covering topics such as: local government, community services, education, healthcare, media, arts and culture, infrastructure and development, public safety, business, commerce and agriculture.



Leadership Modesto Application

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Full Name

Email Address

Home Address including City, State and Zip Code

Phone Number

Employer's Name & Address including City, State and Zip Code

Note: if self-employed, please provide the name, address and phone number for a member of our business community who is supporting your decision to apply.

Phone Number

Current Position

Involvement in Our Community

Please list volunteer, professional and business activities with which you have been involved.

Based on your answer above, how would you rate your level of community service up to this point?

Below average

Average

Above average

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Purpose and Expectations

Why are you applying for Leadership Modesto?

What are your expectations of Leadership Modesto?

What do you hope to gain from a Leadership Modesto experience? How would you apply that to our community?

What do you see as a current opportunity for our community and what are possible solutions to that opportunity?

In 5 to 7 words, how would your friends/business associates describe you?

Do you know of any of your friends or business associates applying for this year? If so, please list the other participants.



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Expectations

Initial Next to Each Statement

Leadership Modesto requires an intense commitment to the retreat, events and volunteers who give of their time each month January through November. Additional time outside the scheduled classes will be required.

Tuition for Leadership Modesto is \$1,750.00 per participant. \$1,400.00 is paid by the employer, and \$350.00 must be paid by the participant.

The number of participants able to pay reduced tuition is limited and will be determined by the Leadership Modesto Steering Committee.

Attendance at the September retreat is mandatory due to its importance in establishing the year both in focus and team building. Failure to attend the retreat would immediately lead to dismissal. Partial attendance may also be cause for dismissal and up to the discretion of the Steering Committee.

Participants are permitted up to two excused absences after the retreat. Events not fully attended may be considered a half-day absence and would count toward the two excused days. Participants missing more than two days, in part or whole, may be considered for dismissal by the Steering Committee.

Payment

Employer/Self \$ _____ Participant \$ _____

If requesting something other than the shared responsibility of \$1,400/\$350, please explain the reason here.

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References and Background

Leadership Modesto may need to contact additional references as well as reserves the right to review the digital footprint of interviewed applicants. Please list one person, other than your employer or the person listed if you are self-employed, who may be contacted about you by the Steering Committee.

Full Name

Phone Number

How are you associated with this person?

Support Signature

Applicants for the Leadership Modesto program must have the complete support of their sponsor, business or organization. Please have your sponsor sign below.

Sponsor Signature

Print Name

Date

Applicant Signature

Print Name

Date

Signing acknowledges the acceptance of and adherence to the attendance policy and the schedule of events for the year.

All applications must be received by June 19, 2026. If there are questions not covered by the application or the Chamber website, please contact the Steering Committee via leadershipmodesto@gmail.com

Ways to Submit Application

Email to: info@modchamber.org

Mail to: Leadership Modesto
Modesto Chamber of Commerce
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Modesto, CA 95354

