



2019 APPLICATION

Class 34

Thank you for your interest in Leadership Merced. We look forward to growing leaders with you. Please submit your completed application form and the required attachments to:

GREAT MERCED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. BOX 1632
MERCED, CA 95341
Phone: (209) 384-7092

Or via email to: Sandra@mercedchamber.com Applications are also available at www.mercedchamber.com

Name _____

Home Address _____ City & Zip _____

Current Employer _____ Position _____

Work Mailing Address _____ City & Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Work Phone (_____) _____

Do you prefer Chamber mailings to be sent to your home or work address? _____

Email _____

Highest Grade Completed _____

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF (NARRATIVE ONE)

On separate pieces of paper tell us about yourself.

- Why are you interested in being a Leadership Fellow? (250 words or less)
- How might this program impact or increase your involvement in our community? (250 words or less)
(This should be no more than one page, single-spaced, Times New Roman 11 point)

ATTACHMENTS (NARRATIVE TWO)

Please provide the following information:

- Your civic, volunteer, and community activities and approximate dates of involvement. (250 words or less)
- Employment history beginning with dates of employment and brief descriptions. (250 words or less) (This should be no more than one page, single-spaced, Times New Roman 11 point)) Or, provide a single page resume.
- Please list three individuals as references who can be contacted regarding your application for the 2019 program.(Letters of reference are not necessary.)

DUE DATE

Completed applications must be postmarked by **Friday, July 15, 2018 by 5:00 PM**. Email applications are acceptable.

*****Will you need a partial or full scholarship for this program?**

Scholarships may be discussed in the interview process. Selection will not depend on scholarship needs.

EMPLOYERS

The Leadership Merced Program is an investment that will return benefits indefinitely to participants, their organizations, and their Merced County communities. The program is designed to further the knowledge and enhance the leadership skills of individuals who have already demonstrated interest and ability in community activities. The program requires that participants commit to attending all sessions at the scheduled times.** With the exception of the retreat, each session will last two days: a Friday and a Saturday. Attendance at the regional retreat will require at least three weekdays in September. Several employers have described benefits of supporting their employee's participation with time away from the job and/or with a contribution of tuition.

Your signature below indicates you have discussed with the applicant the time needed away from work, and that you support his or her participation in the program. Please contact Manuel Alvarado at the Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce at (209) 384-7092 if you have any questions.

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- **(Employer)** I understand that _____ is a candidate for the Leadership Merced Program, and that if chosen s/he will be expected to attend all of the sessions listed below. If participation requires work or schedule changes, I will try to accommodate the program or allow time off if necessary. The completion of this application does not ensure acceptance in the program and I agree to abide to the financial commitment and attendance requirement stated below.

I would like to contribute to the cost of the tuition. (Please indicate amount below.)

- Full cost (\$1000)** **Half of the cost (\$500)** **Merced Chamber Member cost (\$750) ***

Signature of Employer	Name (printed)	Date
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Organization	Address	Phone	Email
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- **Or (Applicant)** I am not responsible to an employer and can accept full personal responsibility for attending these Leadership Merced sessions.

Signature of Applicant	Date
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Each candidate must attend a 2-hour interview session on September 1 or 4.

Issue sessions begin at 8 AM on Friday and end on Saturday afternoon at approximately 4 PM. All participants will be provided with lodging for the regional retreat.

August 28th or 30th**	Interview days (each candidate must attend one)
September 13 (evening only), 14, 15**	Kickoff & Demographics (Regional Retreat)
October 19, 20**	Government and the Economy
November 16, 17**	Communities & Cultures
December 14, 15**	The Environment & Natural Resources
January 18, 19**	Infrastructure
February 15, 16**	Agriculture
March 15, 16**	Healthcare & Education
April 19, 20**	Land Use, Housing & Transportation
May 10**	Graduation

(*) Must be a current member in good standing of the Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce.

(**) Dates, Activities and Topics are subject to change.