

**Greater Dalton Chamber  
Emerging Leaders Institute Application Form  
2024-2025**

**Application Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name (and nickname):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Education:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Category – select one from the drop-down list:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Job function:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Civic, professional or volunteer activities:**

**How would you use your leadership training to benefit the community?**

**Dietary Requirements:** \_\_\_\_\_

Email the completed application to [stephens@daltonchamber.org](mailto:stephens@daltonchamber.org)

## 2024-25 Program Schedule Emerging Leaders Institute

(a program of the Greater Dalton Chamber of Commerce)

Co-Chairs: Lynn Osborne (Alliant Health Plans) and Gita Harden (Shaw Industries)

<p><b>Session One</b> Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Retreat:</u></b></li> <li>• Team Building &amp; demographics</li> <li>• Emotional Intelligence</li> </ul>	<p><b>Location:</b> Walnut Hill Farm 800 Lee Bryant Road, Dalton</p>	<p>Chris Cooke</p> <hr/> <p>Dr. Stephani Womack</p>
<p><b>Session Two</b> Wed., Nov. 6, 2024 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding Community Leadership</li> <li>• Effective Communication</li> </ul>	<p>Edwards Park, 115 Edwards Park, Dalton</p>	<p>Yesenia Barragan &amp; Michelle Langham</p> <hr/> <p>Nikki Robinson, Meagan Darnell &amp; Tia Parrish</p>
<p><b>Session Three</b> Wed., Dec. 11, 2024 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group Dynamics</li> <li>• Group Problem Solving &amp; Decision Making</li> </ul>	<p>Edwards Park, 115 Edwards Park, Dalton</p>	<p>Noah Bledsoe &amp; Ricky Long</p> <hr/> <p>Marcy Muller &amp; Dr. Jami Hall</p>
<p><b>Session Four</b> Wed., Jan. 15, 2025 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valuing Community Diversity</li> <li>• Diversity, Equity &amp; Inclusion</li> </ul>	<p>Whitfield County Schools District Office, 3264 Cleveland Highway, Dalton</p>	<p>Alma Fraire &amp; Yebel Garcia</p> <hr/> <p>Star Lackey</p>
<p><b>Session Five</b> Wed., Feb 12, 2025 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing Conflict</li> <li>• Building Communities through Collaboration</li> </ul>	<p>Whitfield County Sheriff's Gun Range, 240 Old Prater's Mill Road, Dalton</p>	<p>Terri Woodruff</p> <hr/> <p>Ricky Long &amp; Diana Madero</p>
<p><b>Session Six</b> Wed., March 12, 2025 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteerism and expectations for serving on non-profit boards</li> <li>• Graduation</li> </ul>	<p>Whitfield County Sheriff's Gun Range, 240 Old Prater's Mill Road, Dalton</p>	<p>Cheryl Teasley</p>

Attendance Policy: The Kick Off Retreat is mandatory and you are allowed to miss one session and still graduate. Any additional misses should be made up the following year to graduate.

**Dalton-Whitfield**  
**EMERGING LEADERS INSTITUTE FACT SHEET**  
(a program of the Greater Dalton Chamber)

**THE DALTON-WHITFIELD EMERGING LEADERS INSTITUTE** is a leadership skills development program designed so that the participant may gain new skills and knowledge about leadership.

**THE GOAL** of the Emerging Leaders Institute is to provide each participant with the foundation of basic leadership skills and knowledge. The program is designed to develop knowledgeable, skilled, committed and action-oriented leaders. This goal is achieved by a curriculum that has been designed by the Fanning Leadership Institute.

**THE PROGRAM** is designed to assist participants in becoming more knowledgeable about themselves and leadership practices and develop skills to assist them in becoming stronger leaders. The program is six sessions and is conducted over several months. Each session will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude by 5 p.m.

**WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?** The Emerging Leaders Institute is designed for adults interested in leadership development and the curriculum has been developed to increase individual leadership effectiveness. During the six sessions, the participants will spend time understanding their personal leadership style, connecting with community leaders, improving their communication skills and, essentially grooming themselves to blaze their leadership trail. The Steering Committee solicits and reviews nominations for the program and will extend an invitation to approximately 25 to 30 individuals.

**THE CURRICULUM** includes the following:

**Session One:** one day retreat to include an orientation, team building, community demographics and emotional intelligence

**Session Two:** Understanding Community Leadership and Effective Communication

**Session Three:** Group Dynamics and Group Problem Solving & Decision Making

**Session Four:** Managing Conflict and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

**Session Five:** Valuing Community Diversity and Building Communities through Partnerships and Collaboration

**Session Six:** Volunteerism and Graduation

**THE COST** for the Emerging Leaders Institute is \$475 and this cost includes all program materials.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** are available to a limited number of participants. For more information, contact Phyllis Stephens at the Chamber of Commerce (706-712-0951), [stephens@daltonchamber.org](mailto:stephens@daltonchamber.org)

**GRADUATION** is held on the last day of the session. All participants are encouraged to become involved in the community and to take the next step and apply to the Leadership Dalton-Whitfield program.

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** is for large and small businesspeople, community volunteers, professionals, civic/government employees and **YOU!**