**APPLICATION**

The Metroport Chamber offers a unique leadership program with the goal of developing region-minded leaders for our area. Our regional focus provides the opportunity for synergy and big-picture problem solving. By working together, we can anticipate and address the current and future needs of our region.

***Relationships* Build *Businesses* Build *Communities* Build the *Region*!**

That is the underlying theme of our leadership program. Participants will learn leadership skills and develop key relationships with business and community leaders. Members also will gain a better understanding of how our communities work, the needs of our region and the opportunities available.

**2023-2024 Class Year**

Thank you for your interest in Regional Advantage – The Leadership Program of the Metroport Chamber. The selection committee is looking for aspiring leaders who:

* Have a history of volunteerism and experience serving in leadership capacities
* Desire to become actively engaged in the Metroport Region through their professions and decision-making roles on community boards
* Demonstrate high standards of personal quality and integrity
* Can and will commit the time required for the program
* If employed, have the endorsement of their employer or indication the employer does not object to their taking time off from work for Regional Advantage activities

Note: Classes take place on the **1st Friday of each month from September through May. Exceptions are September 8 and April TBD.** Program also includes a reception in **August** and graduation ceremony **May 8**.

Please complete the attached application and:

1. Email to [christy@metroportchamber.org](mailto:christy@metroportchamber.org) **with** your digital headshot
2. Go to [www.metroportchamber.org/leadership](http://www.metroportchamber.org/leadership%20to%20pay%20$25) to pay your $25 non-refundable **application fee**
3. $25 non-refundable application fee (check, credit card over the phone, or pay online)

Application deadline is **Wednesday, May 31, 2023.** The balance of the investment will be due upon acceptance into the program. Applicants will be notified of acceptance by June 30,2023.

The program is $825 for Metroport Chamber Members (limited seats) only and includes most meals and transportation\*\* as well as the activities listed below. Cost of the program includes a $25 non-refundable registration fee, which **will be applied to admission** upon acceptance.

* Welcome Reception with Alumni/BOD
* CliftonStrengths® Leadership Training
* Orientation
* Field Trips: Metroport Communities; State Capitol; AllianceTexas; Business Tours
* Transportation /Economic Development
* State Government
* Education / Health
* Non-Profits & Industry: Working Together
* Municipal Services / Public Safety
* Graduation

​**Regional Advantage 2023-2024 Application**

**Name:**

**Job Title:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Company Name / # of Employees:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Type of Business / Profit or Non-Profit:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Company Address:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Office Number:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Cell Number:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Email Address:** Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Please list your **education background**, including degrees, awards, field of study, professional institutes, training programs, etc. (You may attach a resume.)

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Please list your **professional title(s)** and duration in position(s) for the past five years.

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Have you graduated from other leadership programs? If yes, please list.

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. List the **social, business and professional activities** in which you have participated during the past five years, including any award or special recognition that you have received, or any office held.

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. What are your goals in participating in Regional Advantage?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Please list two references below (Name, Title, Company, Phone, Email):

Click or tap here to enter text.

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If selected for the program, I commit to participating in the program’s activities during the 2023-2024 class year. **I understand that I cannot miss more than two full sessions to graduate**. I will also consider participating in alumni activities and/or committees following my graduation from the program.

**Signature:**  **Date:**

I endorse the above candidate for participation in the 2023-2024 Regional Advantage class. I am aware the candidate will be out of the office and inaccessible for one full Friday once a month, September – December, 2023 and January – May, 2024 as well as for graduation at a Metroport Chamber Membership Luncheon in May.

**Employer Signature:**  **Date:**

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3. For further information on the program, please visit [www.metroportchamber.org](http://www.metroportchamber.org)/leadership

*\*\*Use of personal vehicle may be needed.*