



2026 Presenting Sponsor

Hillsboro is a dynamic, ever-evolving community, rich with opportunity and not without its challenges. To keep our region vibrant, inclusive, and forward-moving, we need insightful leaders who are ready to listen, learn, and lead with purpose. That's where **Leadership Hillsboro** comes in.

This powerful, immersive program is your launchpad to personal growth, professional development, and civic impact. Through hands-on exploration of community issues, you'll build relationships with changemakers across sectors and become one yourself.

What You'll Gain:

- A deeper understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing Hillsboro and Washington County.
- A strong, supportive network of informed and passionate residents ready to shape the future together.
- Sharpened leadership skills through direct engagement with local leaders, decision-makers, and organizations.
- Renewed motivation to get involved and stay involved in creating meaningful community change.

Who Should Apply?

If you're a professional, entrepreneur, or engaged community member with a desire to grow as a leader and make a difference in Hillsboro's future then this program is for you.

Selection Criteria:

We're looking for a diverse cohort representing a variety of ages, professions, backgrounds, and viewpoints. Applications are reviewed with the goal of creating a balanced, dynamic class. **Space is limited!** Accepted applicants will be notified in mid-August.

Program Details

Tuition: \$1,000 (due upon acceptance). This covers all program materials, meals, transportation, a retreat, and graduation.

Schedule: Begins with a full-day retreat in September, followed by 8 monthly full-day sessions (October–May), concluding with a Community Service Day and graduation in June.

Attendance Policy: You're expected to attend all sessions; missing more than two will impact your eligibility. Every voice matters, and your presence is essential.

Two-Year Commitment: Graduates help plan the following year's sessions, applying what they've learned and paying it forward.

Are You Ready to Step Up?

Join a legacy of leaders who are making Hillsboro stronger one session, one connection, one bold idea at a time.

Apply now. Inspire change. Lead Hillsboro.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 5, 2026

2026-2027 SCHEDULE

THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 8:00A.M. - 4:30P.M. (LOCATIONS VARY)
PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW.

BEGINNING RETREAT/ ORIENTATION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

An overview of the program in a retreat setting. The focus of the day is to establish networking within the group, to develop communication skills and to explore leadership dynamics. **THIS SESSION IS MANDATORY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS.**

TRANSPORTATION, LAND USE & PLANNING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026

The first program day presents an overview of where we work and live. Get a birds-eye view of Washington County along with an in-depth discussion of land use planning and transportation presented by city and county officials.

ENVIRONMENT, HISTORY & AGRICULTURE **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026**

Washington County is among the state and national leaders in nursery production and has a growing number of acres planted for the wine industry. We will learn more on the history of our county's agricultural, public works contributions while discovering the actions being taken to preserve our resources and quality of life.

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2026

A study tour of the economic/employment climate of Washington County, industrial planning and development, what makes business work and how our community remains economically strong.

GOVERNMENT/JUSTICE SYSTEM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2027

An examination of local and county government as well as education regarding operation and structure of the justice system. This day typically includes a tour of the Washington County jail.

HEALTHCARE/SOCIAL SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2027

An examination of the dynamic changes in healthcare and social services. Find out the many programs that keep our area among the leaders in comprehensive health and social service care. Explore the world of community services for those in need.

EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2027

This day is dedicated to the future of our area- our children. Get a look at how our children are being educated, the curriculum and the challenges educators face with increasing academic standards in today's budget-conscious world.

CULTURAL ARTS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2027

Hillsboro is quickly becoming known as a vibrant arts community. We will study why this is important to our community and economy.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2027

A close-up, hands-on view of county emergency systems involving both the police and fire departments.

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY & GRADUATION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2027

2027-2028 INVOLVEMENT

SESSION PLANNING... PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES WILL NOT BE ESTABLISHED UNTIL THE FINAL CLASS IN MAY

The second year of the Leadership Hillsboro program provides the chance to practice and apply the experience of the first year. Each participant is given the opportunity to select one of the eight topic days, and together with the other members in their planning teams, create what they believe are the key attributes of a Leadership day. This is done under the guidance of the Leadership Advisory Council and the staff of the Chamber.

This experience will allow the graduates to gain direct contact to Hillsboro's existing leadership by working with them as they plan. They will explore first-hand our community issues and how each graduate can become part of the greater whole. Each committee will be encouraged to practice leadership and effective team roles.

The second year provides the crucial step in moving potential leaders into effective community leaders.



LEADERSHIP HILLSBORO XLIII 2026-2027

Name: _____ Title: _____
(as you wish it to appear on name tags and class list)

Business or Association Affiliation (if any): _____

Sex: male female non-binary Age group: 15-30 30-40 40-50 5+ Birthdate: / / (mo/day/year)

Complete business mailing address: _____

Complete home mailing address: _____
(as it appears on your license)

Where would you like your Leadership Hillsboro information sent? Home Business

Contact information: Business phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of supervisor: _____

Dietary restriction/preferences: _____

Tuition (\$1000.00) will be paid by: employer self half by employer, half by self other (indicate one)

Attendance Requirements: Acceptance into the Leadership Hillsboro XLIII program requires a two-year commitment. The first year consists of a beginning retreat, eight sessions (one each month from October through May), a community service day and a graduation event in June. Attendance at the September retreat is mandatory. Since it is vital for both you and for the class that you be present at each session to add your perspectives and to interact with your fellow participants, you may not miss more than 2 sessions. Any portion of a missed day will be considered a FULL absence. Anyone missing more than 2 sessions will not be recognized as a Leadership Hillsboro graduate. The second year will consist of assisting with the preparation and presentation of the Leadership Hillsboro program for the class of 2027-2028.

How did you hear about the Leadership Hillsboro program?

Media my company mailing club or organization friend

another Leadership Graduate (name) _____

other _____

Please review your calendar and consult with your employer about attendance commitments. Your signature below verifies that, if accepted into the program, you agree to abide by the attendance requirements. Registered Leadership applicants who are unable to participate in the program will receive a refund of \$500 until September 24, 2026. After that date, the entire fee is nonrefundable.

(signature) _____ (date) / /

Please take into consideration that most sessions involve walking and standing for several minutes. These are active days with intermittent lectures in classroom settings.

Completion of the questions below is required for consideration of your application.

Please explain why you wish to participate in Leadership Hillsboro:

Please describe your most significant volunteer experience or accomplishment:

What area(s) would you be interested in volunteering (outside of regular job) in the future?

Please list two references we may contact regarding your leadership skills and/or potential:



Please submit online or return your application via email to:

DaraS@wcchamber.org.

For questions or additional information, call Dara Schumacher at 503.726.2148 or email daras@wcchamber.org.

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