



LEADERSHIP NORTHERN TULARE COUNTY INC.

210 North L Street, Dinuba, CA 93618 - Phone: 559-591-2707

APPLICATION – CLASS OF 2026-2027

Must be returned to the Dinuba Chamber of Commerce by August 7, 2026, at 5:00 pm.

Leadership Northern Tulare County Inc. provides an opportunity for individuals who work or reside in the communities of Cutler, Orosi, Dinuba, Monson-Sultana, and Reedley to build connections with community leaders while developing relationships with other emerging leaders. Participants will gain leadership skills and knowledge that support growth in their professional careers and prepare them to serve in leadership roles within their communities.

Objectives

- Engage individuals from diverse backgrounds who demonstrate leadership potential and a commitment to addressing community issues in Northern Tulare County.
- Equip participants with the knowledge, training, and experiences needed to grow as leaders in their workplaces and communities.
- Provide opportunities for emerging leaders to apply their talents and skills through collaboration and community engagement.
- Foster ongoing involvement and connections among current and emerging leaders to strengthen community partnerships.
- Develop participants' leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills through curriculum, community discussions, and interaction with local leaders.

Application Instructions

1. Respond to the six short-answer questions listed on page 4 of the application. Please use additional paper to respond to these subjects if needed. All responses must be concise, typewritten and no more than a total of two (2) pages.
2. Submit a recent resume.
3. Complete the participation agreement on page 3 of this application packet to be considered for the Northern Tulare County Leadership program. Please be certain that you have original signatures on the application when it is submitted to the Dinuba Chamber of Commerce. Your signature indicates your agreement to abide by the requirements of the Northern Tulare County Leadership program which includes payment of fees, attendance, participation, and program assignments.
4. Attend a LLNTC Information Session and an interview with the LNTC Selection Committee to be scheduled in early August. You will be notified regarding interview times. professional attire is recommended.



Program Topics

Sessions on local history, agriculture, marketing and media, economic development, government and politics, health care, education, quality of life, leadership development, communication and group dynamics will be included in the curriculum. The program will begin in September with the Orientation and Welcome Reception on September 10th, followed by an overnight two-day Retreat, September 18 - 19, 2026.

Schedule 2026-2027*

Interviews

By Appointment Mid-August

Welcome Reception and Class Orientation

Wednesday, September 10, 2026

Orientation & History Session: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Reception: 5:30 pm

Retreat

September 18-19, 2026 (*overnight*)

All-Day Sessions (8 am to 5 pm):

October 14, 2026

November 12, 2026

December 10, 2026

January 14, 2027

February 11, 2027

March 10-11, 2027-Sacramento State Government Trip*

April 8, 2027

May 13, 2027 – Closing Session & Graduation*

**Please Note dates may change based on outside availability*

Evening Sessions (2 hours):

Evening session days and times will be decided by the class at the Welcome and Class Orientation

Additional:

TBD: Dinuba City Council - Introduction

TBD: Class Community Service Project

April 24, 2027: Miss Cinco de Mayo Pageant: 6:00pm

April 29- May 2: Cinco de Mayo

**Please Note: Extracurricular meetings for class projects and other LNTC programming will be required outside of this schedule.*

Please submit the following:

1. Completed application with sponsor/employer signature;
2. Responses to questions 1-6;
3. and, Scholarship Request Letter if applicable.

Please submit your completed application in-person at:

**Dinuba Chamber of Commerce
C/O LNTC Steering Committee
210 N L Street
Dinuba, CA 93618**

***Or submit your completed application email at:
Heathe@dinubachamber.com***

NO LATER THAN:

**Friday, August 7, 2026
5:00 PM**

***For questions you may call the
Dinuba Chamber of Commerce
at 559-591-2707.***

2026-2027 LEADERSHIP NORTHERN TULARE COUNTY APPLICATION

APPLICANT

Applicant's Full Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Applicant's Preferred Name (if different): _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

Employer: _____ Position/Title: _____

Employer's Address: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ (Relationship): _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Food Allergies: _____

I prefer to receive mailings at: My home address My business address

Please mark your Polo Shirt size: S M L XL XXL XXXL Style: Male Female

I acknowledge that all information contained on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree to abide by the attendance, assignment, and financial requirements listed herein if I am accepted into the program. Furthermore, I acknowledge that failure to abide by program requirements may result in my non-refundable dismissal from the program.

Applicant's Signature Acknowledgement: _____ Date: _____

EMPLOYER/SPONSOR

Sponsoring Business/Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Employer:

I understand that the total amount of tuition for participation in Leadership Northern Tulare County is \$1200. I agree to pay the above applicant's tuition by no later than September 1, 2026, if they are accepted into the program. I further understand that our organization may reimburse the additional \$150 tuition once our sponsored participant completes the program.

Employer:

I have reviewed the dates and level of participation required by class members, and I support my employee's involvement.

Employer Signature: _____ Date: _____



SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST

In order to make the program accessible to all interested candidates, community scholarships are awardable and sponsored by local organizations. If interested in applying for scholarship assistance, please attach a letter of your request. Scholarships are open to applicants who do not have sponsoring employers.

I am requesting scholarship assistance and have attached a letter supporting my request.

SHORT-ANSWER RESPONSES

Please respond to the following on a separate piece of paper:

- Education:** Please state your educational background including any degrees awarded, field of study, professional institutes or certificates, training programs, etc.
- Teamwork:** List the major civic, business, school, church, community, and/or professional activities that you have participated in during the past five (5) years. For each activity, indicate the nature of your participation and any offices you have held. List any awards or special recognition you have received.
- Objectives:** What are the areas in which you hope to benefit, personally and professionally, as a result of participating in the Leadership Northern Tulare County Program? How do you expect to use the experience you gain?
- Concerns:** Identify and explain a particular issue, opportunity, or challenge that you feel is crucial to the Northern Tulare County area.
- Community:** What qualities do you find most important in community leaders? Why?
- Leadership:** What is the difference between leadership and management? Please define the two terms in your own words.

Program Requirements

If selected to participate in the Leadership Northern Tulare County Class of 2026-2027, you will be required to:

1. Pay \$1200 tuition – **mandatory to be paid on or before September 1, 2026.** Participant employer/sponsor fees are non-refundable in the event the participant voluntarily leaves the program any time after the opening reception or is removed from the program. **Limited Scholarships and payment plans may be available if requested.** _____ Applicant Initial _____ Employer Initial
2. **Attend ALL Day Sessions** of the program in addition to the opening reception/orientation and a two-day retreat. Day sessions last from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, one session per month from October through May, and may include extra-curricular assignments, class meetings and/or research. Attendance at all sessions is required. In the event of an emergency, one excused absence may be granted with **prior** approval of the LNTC Steering Chair, provided that the make-up requirements outlined in the Attendance Policy are met. Make-up assignments for one excused absence will be directed by the LNTC Facilitator and may include community service, make-up with another Leadership program, or other assignments at the discretion of the facilitator. Make-up assignments for one excused absence must be completed within **30 days** of the missed session. **Attendance is mandatory for the Orientation / Reception, Overnight Retreat, Sacramento Government Trip, and Closing Session / Graduation, no exceptions. No make-up opportunities will be available for these activities.**
3. **Attend ALL Evening Sessions.** These sessions are designed to develop personal leadership skills, and the sessions will last approximately 2 hours (6:00-8:00pm) and will be held on the designated day of each month, except for the month of December. In the event of an emergency, one excused absence may be granted with prior approval of LNTC Facilitator, provided that the make-up requirements outlined in the Attendance Policy are met. Make-up assignments will be directed by the LNTC Facilitator and may include community service, make-up with another Leadership program, or other assignments at the discretion of the Performance Chair. Make-up assignments for one excused absence must be completed within **30 days** of the missed session.
4. **Class Projects: Coordinate and complete a community service project and the signature class project- Cinco de Mayo.** The community impact project must be directed toward a cause the entire class agrees to work on. Planning of both projects will be done outside of normal session time. The signature fundraising project, Cinco de Mayo has a required minimum goal of \$12,000 net proceeds. Funds are used to support the Leadership Tulare Program as tuition doesn't cover comprehensive program cost.
5. The overall purpose of class projects is to develop and refine such leadership skills as: group dynamics, community engagement, and organizational planning and implementation. **All participants are required to attend and participate in the planning of class projects.**
6. **Have the support and commitment of your employer.** You will need a signature from your employer on page 3 of this application, indicating that they are aware that you will be participating in this program during normal operating hours on multiple days throughout this program's duration and that they give permission for you to be absent from work during those times.
7. **All participants are required to attend a designated (1) City Council meeting.**
8. **Reside and/or be employed within the greater Northern Tulare County area.**
9. **Be a minimum age of 21 years.**

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Employer Signature: _____ Date: _____

