



## Application for Russell County Leadership Class V

We are thrilled you have decided to apply for the Russell County Leadership Program! Before you fill out the application, take time to read this portion regarding your commitment to the program. By filling out, signing, and returning the application, you have indicated agreement with and understanding of the commitment to the program as well as your responsibilities, if selected as a member of the Class V.

### Participant Responsibilities:

I understand the goals of the Russell County Leadership Program and the commitment required of class members. If selected, I will devote the required time and energy to meet this commitment. To complete the Russell County Leadership Program, I will attend **all** sessions. More than 1 unexcused absence will result in removal from the class. I understand that some “homework” is part of the curriculum for the Russell County Leadership Program and that this may involve time outside of scheduled seminars.

### Required Dates for RCL Applicants (First Wednesday of the Month)

August 5, 2026  
September 2, 2026  
October 7, 2026

November 4, 2026  
December 2, 2026  
January 6, 2027

February 3, 2027  
March 3, 2027  
April 7, 2027  
May 5, 2027

*\*Class V Associates will be invited to a Linking with Leadership event on May 6, 2026 and announced at Class IV graduation on June 3, 2026.\**

A Graduation Ceremony will be held in June of 2027. Friends and family are welcome to join participants to celebrate this accomplishment.

Please mail to **PO BOX 22, Russell, KS 67665** or email this application (completed, signed, and dated), **no later than April 17, 2026**.

You may also scan and email your completed application to **russellcountyleadership@gmail.com**.

- Complete each section in full, keeping answers concise but thorough.
- All applications are subject to confidential evaluation and class size is limited.

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Printed Name

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Signature

### Personal Information

First Name		Last Name			
Preferred Name					
Home Address					
City		State		Zip	
Email					

#### Current Employer

Business Name					
Business Address					
City		State		Zip	

Where do you wish to receive correspondence?      ☐ Home      ☐ Work

Home Phone		Email			
Work Phone		Email			
Cell phone		Ok to text?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Length of time residing and/or working in Russell County: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you enjoy spending your free time?


### Credentials

#### Education

School		City		State	
Degree		Dates Attended			

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Employment (*List your 3 most recent employments in reverse chronological order beginning with current position, including active military duty.*)

Employer	Location	Title/Responsibility	From	To

### Community and Professional Involvement

List your recent volunteer activities in reverse chronological order beginning with current commitments, including business, community, civic, religious, government, social, athletic, or other volunteer involvement.

Organization	Dates of involvement	Describe Activities

Why do you think it is important to be involved in community and/or professional organizations? What do you see the “purpose” of these organizations being?

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What do you believe to be the top 5 things restraining Russell County from reaching its full potential? Explain what these things are and how they are holding Russell County back from reaching its full potential?

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What do you hope to learn and gain from Russell County Leadership? Why did you apply?

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Please list 3 skill sets you wish to learn more about and work on throughout the RCL experience. Please explain how you wish to utilize these new skills in life... Why do you want to learn these skills?

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How did you hear about Russell County Leadership?

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Feel free to use this space to share any additional thoughts you might have for the RCL selection committee:

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## Recommendations and Submitting Your Application

Personal Recommendations: Please list two people who are knowledgeable about your leadership potential and/or community involvement but are NOT related to you. Letters should reflect how the reference knows you and your leadership qualities as well as your leadership potential. It is recommended that these come from two different aspects of your life. You are **required** to have two reference letters attached to your application and they should be addressed to the attention of the Russell County Leadership Selection Committee.

Letters of recommendation from the following two references will be attached to this application and delivered to the Russell Area Chamber of Commerce office by April 17, 2026 or emailed to russellcountyleadership@gmail.com.

Name		Title	
Organization		Phone	

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### Tuition

If selected, you will be responsible for full payment of the \$350 tuition fee payable by no later than the first session on August 6, 2026. Class selection will be on April 24<sup>th</sup>, where each associate will get an email with the announcement. Make checks payable to Russell County Leadership and return to one board member.

### Employer Agreement

I fully support the application of \_\_\_\_\_ for the Russell County Leadership program, and I am willing to make available the necessary time for full participation in all scheduled classes and activities.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Applicant's Agreement

If selected as a participant in Russell County Leadership, I am willing to attend all functions sponsored by the program, pay my registration fee at the date provided upon approval, and I understand that attendance is required at all scheduled classes and activities. Emergency absences must be submitted to RCL Board of Directors for review.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*This class is limited to 8-10 participants. This application is due April 17, 2026. Return application form to: [russellcountyleadership@gmail.com](mailto:russellcountyleadership@gmail.com) or email us to connect with a board member for physical drop off.*