

# THE JACKSON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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### **Leadership Jackson: Developing future community leaders**

Jackson, TN — The Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce’s adult leadership development program, Leadership Jackson, challenges individuals to make a difference in their company and community. The deadline to nominate an employee to participate in the 2010 program has been extended from Wednesday, July 7 to Monday, July 12.

All applicants must be employed at a company that is a Chamber member. Those nominated are then sent an application and are later interviewed and selected by a committee made up of Leadership Jackson graduates.

“Leadership Jackson is well recognized and respected throughout the state,” said Judy Renshaw, senior vice president of business and community services for The Chamber. “We always get more applications than we can select as 30 is our maximum class size. Everyone who graduates from Leadership Jackson sees the value and personal growth through the network of contacts, information, and resources gained during the program.”

Each year, decision makers of companies and corporations nominate rising stars within their businesses to Leadership Jackson, often called LJ. Primary company decision makers may also nominate themselves. Participants will finish the program with tools they can immediately apply to their professional and personal lives.

“Leadership Jackson provides exposure to the inter-workings of our community,” Renshaw said. “The program engages participants in class discussions on issues ranging from the economy to the quality of life in West Tennessee and equips each class member with enhanced leadership tools.”

The program will begin with an information session and welcome cookout on Aug. 31 to allow participants to get acquainted. They will also attend a mandatory opening retreat from Sept. 9-10. Afterward, the class will meet for sessions every Wednesday until Dec. 1. The class is scheduled to graduate Dec. 16.

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“Leadership Jackson connects people and helps develop relationships across the community,” Renshaw said. “These connections are a major catalyst for growth and exposure.”

For more information, visit [www.leadershipjackson.com](http://www.leadershipjackson.com) or contact Judy Renshaw at The Chamber by calling 423-2200.

## **About the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce:**

The Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1905 – seven years prior to the United States Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber consists of a diverse and talented staff, an executive committee, dedicated volunteers, and more than 1,350 business members – all committed to growing the economy and quality of life for everyone in Madison County and the region.

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