



Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Hometown: _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____ Allergies/Medical Conditions: _____

Employment Information:

Employer: _____ Bus. Phone: _____

Bus. Email: _____ Supervisor: _____

Title: _____ Length of Employment: _____

Job Responsibilities Include: _____

Education:

High School: _____ Location: _____ Grad? Y or N Year: _____

College/Other: _____ Location: _____ Grad? Y or N Year: _____

Let's get to know you!

What's the first thing we should know about you? _____

What three adjectives would you use to describe yourself? _____

Of what are you most proud? _____

What do you hope to gain from participating in Leadership Ashe? _____

How do you most enjoy spending your free time? _____

How did you find out about Leadership Ashe? _____

Expectations:

Leadership Ashe is made possible by a collaborative effort of a committee that works hard to plan, organize, and provide the best possible experience for participants to see all that makes Ashe County “the Coolest Corner of North Carolina!” As a participant, you represent Wilkes Community College, the Chamber of Commerce, and your employer/organization. The utmost professional conduct when touring locations, communicating with representatives, and listening to presenters is expected and appreciated.

Tremendous efforts are made to organize all sessions, and attendance at all scheduled sessions is expected. **To receive continuing education credits and to participate in the graduation ceremony, participants must attend the retreat session and graduation and must have at least 80% attendance of all other sessions.** If you cannot make this commitment, you will need to reapply for the program for another year.

Communication for the program is conducted via email. Participants are expected to check their email regularly during the program for updates about sessions including upcoming session reminders, site visit rules, or important scheduling changes. Emails will be sent from Becky Greer, rcgreer213@wilkescc.edu. Participants are also encouraged to complete evaluations after each session.

Participant Authorization: *By signing below, if selected for Leadership Ashe, I am committing to attend all sessions, including required attendance at the kickoff retreat and the graduation ceremony. I understand that if I do not attend 80% of the half-day sessions, I will be unable to qualify for continuing education credits or participate in graduation.*

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Employer Authorization: *By signing below, as the employer/direct supervisor of _____, I authorize the employee to be absent from work to participate in Leadership Ashe sessions as scheduled. I also understand that if my organization pays the tuition of the aforementioned employee and the employee is separated from us during his/her participation in Leadership Ashe, the Ashe County Chamber of Commerce and/or Wilkes Community College is not responsible for reimbursement of this tuition to us.*

Employer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Business/Organization Name: _____

Dates & Details:

Applications must be returned by Friday, June 7, 2024, to the Ashe County Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center or emailed to director@ashechamber.com. Applicants will be notified by email by June 14; please remember to check your spam folder. Class tuition of \$285 is due by July 12.

Session topics include the Environment, Government, Tourism, Health & Human Services, Agriculture, Culture, Entrepreneurship, Industry, Education, Hospitality & Entertainment, and Technology.

The 2024 program dates are:

July 16, 11:30 am-1 pm ~ Meet & Mingle	August 29, 12-5 pm	October 24, 12-5 pm
July 26, 8 am-5 pm ~ Kickoff & 1 st session	September 12, 12-5 pm	November 7, 12-5 pm
August 1, 12-5 pm	September 26, 12-5 pm	November 14, 12-5 pm
August 15, 12-5 pm	October 10, 12-5 pm	November 21, 12-3:30 pm ~ Last session 5:30-7:30 pm ~ Graduation Ceremony