



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: _____

Professional reference: _____ Phone: _____

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 best describe you? _____

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. 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 each session, and attendance at all scheduled sessions is expected. **To receive continuing education credits and to participate in the graduation ceremony, participants must attend the kickoff session and graduation and must have at least 80% overall attendance of the sessions.** If you cannot make this commitment, you will need to reapply for the program another year. Most sessions include some level of physical activity, and participation is strongly recommended in order to benefit from the program.

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 and the graduation ceremony. I understand that if I do not attend 80% of the remaining 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 Wednesday, May 28, 2025, to the Ashe County Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center or emailed to director@ashechamber.com. Applicants will be notified by email by June 11; please remember to check your spam folder. Class tuition of \$285 is due by July 3.

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

The 2024 program dates are:

July 10, 11:30 am-1 pm ~ Meet & Mingle	July 18, 8 am-5 pm ~ Kickoff & 1 st session	July 24, 12-5 pm
August 7, 12-5 pm	August 21, 12-5 pm	September 4, 12-5 pm
September 18, 12-5 pm	October 2, 12-5 pm	October 16, 12-5 pm
October 30, 12-5 pm	November 6, 12-5 pm	November 21, 12-3:30 pm ~ Last session 5:30-7:30 pm ~ Graduation Ceremony