



CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OF CENTRAL TEXAS

Leadership Central Texas 2026 Application

PURPOSE

Leadership Central Texas is offered by the Development District of Central Texas to any qualified citizen who lives or works within its seven county-region (Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba) interested in moving from a local to regional leadership role... The purpose of Leadership Central Texas is to identify and develop regional leaders and to promote awareness of regional/state leadership opportunities and resources. Topics are covered by leaders serving on regional governments, boards, committees, districts and organizations. Each certified attendee will be encouraged to identify leadership opportunities where their individual talents would best be applied to ensure the growth and future well-being of our Central Texas Region.

OBJECTIVES

Leadership Central Texas has the following objectives:

1. Highlight opportunities for regional public service which match the area(s) of interest of the participants, providing pathways to leadership that benefit the participants, their communities, and the region.
2. Provide useful information and resources for participants to utilize, thereby enabling them to be effective leaders on the regional level.
3. Develop relationships with cohorts across the Central Texas Council of Governments' 7 county region.

TOPICS

Leadership Central Texas 2026 will cover the following topics:

1. Local Government and Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) Planning Programs.
2. Regional Infrastructure and Social Services.
3. Leadership, Entrepreneurship, and Economic and Business Development.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS*

To be eligible, an applicant must fulfill **one** of the following requirements:

1. Citizen demonstrating a desire to serve in a regional leadership role;
2. Completed a local leadership program in his or her community or is currently enrolled;
3. Be a past/present elected official of his/her community, region or state.

** Prior non-acceptance of an applicant does not affect future consideration for selection.*

Local Leadership Program Completed, if any:

Date Completed

Name of company, organization or individual sponsoring your application, if other than self:

APPLICANT OBLIGATIONS

- The tuition fee of **\$75.00** for Leadership Central Texas is nonrefundable and payable upon acceptance to the program.
- Tuition must be submitted with a 1-page personal biography.
- The deadline for applications is **April 30th, 2026**.
- The selection process will be finalized as of May 11th, 2026.
- Class size is limited. All eligible applicants will be considered with an effort to have leaders from each county represented in the class.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Limit your responses to the space available. Letters of recommendation are encouraged but not required.

Name: _____

Name as you wish it to appear on your name tag: _____

Employer Name: _____

Employer Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Business Phone: _____

Business Email: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Personal Email: _____

Which address should we use to contact you? Business Home

Number of years you have lived in the region. _____

Number of years you have worked in the region. _____

How did you hear about Leadership Central Texas? _____

Word-of-mouth _____ DDCT web page _____ Local chamber _____

Other (please list) _____

EDUCATION

Include high school, college, business / trade school or other training as well as degrees and/or certifications. (Most recent first)

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Employer Name _____

Your title _____

Previously held positions (Past 5 Years): _____

Do you have the full-time support of your employer for the time required
to participate effectively in Leadership Central Texas? Yes No

May we call your supervisor for verification? _____

Name of Supervisor/ Phone # _____

Do you want your employer to be identified in news releases? _____

ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Organizations (civic, social, professional, business, non-profit, etc.) please include dates and positions held.
(Include honors and awards if any.)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

What do you consider to be your best skill, career, or personal achievement to date? Be descriptive.

Describe what you believe to be your most significant contribution to any community in which you have lived. Describe current or previous leadership activities/experience.

If you are chosen as a class member, what do you hope to gain from the experience?

PROGRAM UNDERSTANDING

- I have answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge.
- I have read and understand the eligibility requirements.
- I hereby give Leadership Central Texas the right to make inquiries regarding the information provided on this application form.
- It is my understanding that Leadership Central Texas is to be a learning experience and that attendance of the meetings is mandatory. Due to the in-depth and timed instruction given, any participant who is absent for two (2) or more hours in any given session will not receive certification or be allowed to graduate from the class.

2026 Class Dates:

Thursday, June 18, 2026 Thursday, July 16, 2026 Thursday, August 20, 2026

Classes are from 9:00am-3:00pm with lunch provided.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Employer Signature, if applicable: _____

Date: _____

PROMOTIONAL RELEASE AGREEMENT

I hereby grant the Development District of Central Texas (“DDCT”), their partners, affiliates, agents, contractors and respective successors and assigns, the right and permission, with respect to those photographs taken of me, any video and/or audio recordings of me, and with respect to any printed matter in connection therewith, to do the following:

1. Include such photographs, and/or recordings in all media pertaining to Leadership Central Texas, and in the advertising, publicity, and promotion thereof.
2. Use my name in connection with the foregoing.

I hereby release, discharge and agree to indemnify and hold harmless DDCT, their partners, affiliates, agents, contractors and respective successors and assigns, from all claims and demands whatsoever arising out of or in connection with the foregoing, and waive any right to inspect or approve the same.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

For Application submission or questions, please contact David Rodriguez at david.rodriguez@ctcog.org or 254-770-2383.