



# GILA VALLEY LEADERSHIP

Cohort 18 Delegate Application

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Gila Valley Leadership Program, a year-long induction into an association of leaders who work together to enhance their abilities to serve and strengthen our community. Gila Valley Leadership is organized in partnership with the Graham County Chamber of Commerce, City of Safford, Town of Thatcher, Town of Pima, Graham County, and Eastern Arizona College with the generous support of numerous businesses and organizations in the Gila Valley, including Fourtweenty Collections, Ice King, Kempton Chevrolet, and NatureSweet Tomatoes.

**Instructions: Please complete each section below. All fields are required. Applications are due via email to [admin@grahamchamber.org](mailto:admin@grahamchamber.org) or dropped off in person at the Gila Valley Leadership office (1051 W Thatcher Boulevard, Safford, AZ 85546, Suite C) by 5:00 pm on Thursday, August 1st, 2023. Please email the address above for more information.**

***Personal Information:***

First Name:

Last Name:

Preferred Name:

Date of Birth:

Home Address:

Cell Phone:

Personal Email:

Emergency Contact First and Last:

Emergency Contact Cell Phone:

Please list any limiting disability, temporary or permanent, any allergies, reactions to medications, dietary restrictions, or other medical limitations (please note that this section is to better serve you, and holds no bearing whatsoever on your selection to participate in the program):

***Affiliation:***

Position:

Organization:

Organization Email:

Organization Phone:

Organization Address:

Organization Website:

How do you think you would benefit from participating in Gila Valley Leadership?

What does the Gila Valley need that your leadership would help accomplish?



***Professional Background:***

My resume is attached to this application.

***Cohort Commitment:***

**To qualify for induction cohort members are expected to participate fully in the entire program and attend at least 8 out of 9 days, fully participate in cohort projects, Chamber Soirées, attend the Delegation to Phoenix, and attend the induction ceremony.** Delegates may participate in Labor Day or Martin Luther King Day Cleanups to make up for absences. Generally, participation requires one full day per month (8 am - 8 pm) for 10 months and a moderate amount of additional personal time working on cohort community service projects. **Please examine the Schedule at-a-Glance below to determine if you can fully participate in the program.** The delegation trip to Washington, DC is completely optional. Delegates with perfect attendance will receive a complimentary lifetime membership.

**Cohort 18 Program Dates, First Thursday of the Month from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm:**

Day 1: September 7, 2023

Day 2: October 5, 2023

Day 3: November 2, 2023

Day 4: December 7, 2023

Day 5: January 4, 2024

Phoenix Delegation: TBD

Day 6: March 7, 2024

Day 7: April 4, 2024

Day 8: May 2, 2024

Induction Ceremony: 6:00 pm, June 6, 2024

DC Delegation: June 14 - 22, 2024

I have read and understand the Cohort Commitment and Schedule at a Glance as explained above and I will honor that commitment.

Applicant Signature:

***Supervisor Permission:***

Your supervisor or employer must understand your commitment to this leadership development and training program and agree to provide the applicant with the time away from the workplace to attend all scheduled activities.

Supervisor First:

Supervisor Last Name:

Supervisor Phone Number:

Supervisor Email Address:

Gila Valley Leadership delegates or their employers are responsible for annual dues of \$500.00. Scholarships are available based upon financial need and the availability of scholarship funds.

***Full Payment of tuition is due no later than September 7, 2023 at 5:00 pm.***

***Acknowledgement of risk, media agreement, and release of liability***

I understand that my participation in the Gila Valley Leadership program may expose me to above normal risks due to travel, touring of area agriculture, mining, and government facilities and participation in team building exercises and encounters with other natural and man-made hazards. I also understand that although Gila Valley Leadership (a leadership development program administered by the Graham County Chamber of Commerce) will take precautions to provide proper instruction and supervision, it is impossible to guarantee absolute safety. I also understand that I share the responsibility for safety during the program and I assume that responsibility. If at any time I feel uncomfortable with an activity, I can exercise my right to withhold participation. I have in place personal health insurance and am responsible for any medical expenses that may arise as a result of accidental injury during participation. I understand that parts of the program may be physically or emotionally demanding. I affirm that my health is good, and that I am not under a physician's care for any undisclosed condition that bears upon my fitness to participate. I understand that each participant must assume the risk of physical injury that could result from any of the activities. I hereby release Gila Valley Leadership and the Graham County Chamber of Commerce, its staff members, board and committee members,



volunteers, financial supporters, and general members from all liability for any injury to me from participation in the Gila Valley Leadership program. I understand that these terms shall serve as a release of liability for my heirs, executors, administrators, and all members of my family.

I understand and agree to the above terms and conditions.

Applicant Signature:

I understand that photos and videos of my face and my name will appear on websites, press releases, news organizations, and newsletters, and I agree to release my image and name.

I understand and agree to the above terms and conditions.

Applicant Signature:

