



ASCEND PROGRAM



ABOUT ASCEND:

Ascend is an annual program of the Round Rock Chamber designed for emerging leaders who are equipped to serve the Round Rock community and are focused on personal, professional and leadership development. Participants of this exclusive program will receive a deep dive into specific topics and issues that affect the community. In addition, class participants will have an opportunity to connect directly with Ascend Alumni and community mentors to set future leadership goals following program graduation.

ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION:

- Applicants must be a Round Rock Chamber member to participate in Ascend.
- Participants are required to have completed a local leadership class or program to be eligible to apply for Ascend. Examples include:
- Leadership Round Rock or other relevant community leadership programs
- Other equivalent local leadership or civic programs
- Class size is limited to a max of **10 participants** a year.
- The Ascend Selection Committee reviews applications, and applicants will be notified of their status in November, approximately two months before the program commences in January of the following year.

REQUIREMENTS:

Participants are required to attend and actively engage in:

- A mandatory annual retreat
- Monthly subject-specific lunch sessions and
- The graduation ceremony

The 2024 calendar has been finalized and can be reviewed in the following section.

SCHEDULE:

The Ascend class will meet every second Wednesday of the month from 11:30/1:30 and rotate each month with the topics of Government Leadership, Community and Nonprofit Leadership and Professional Development. The Ascend Annual Retreat takes place in January with a Graduation Ceremony in December. The class will break for the month of July.

- **1/17/2024: Retreat**
- **2/14/2024:** Monthly Meeting
- **3/13/2024:** Monthly Meeting
- **4/10/2024:** Monthly Meeting
- **5/8/2024:** Monthly Meeting
- **6/12/2024:** Monthly Meeting
- **July: BREAK**
- **8/14/2024:** Monthly Meeting
- **9/11/2024:** Monthly Meeting
- **10/9/2024:** Monthly Meeting
- **11/13/2024:** Monthly Meeting
- **12/11/2024: Graduation**

COST:

Pricing information for participation in the program:

- Tuition for the Ascend program is \$600 for the year.

APPLICATIONS & ASCEND PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Applications for the Class of 2024 will open on September 1, 2023.

The Ascend Planning Committee Council is a diverse group of program graduates who assist with developing the workshops, promoting the program and encouraging alumni involvement.

The 2024 Ascend Program Chair is Leah Clark with Central Texas Community Foundation.