2026 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 (i.e. Leadership Round Rock or other relevant community leadership programs)
- Other equivalent local leadership or civic programs
- Class size is limited to 10 participants per year
- The Ascend Selection Committee reviews applications; 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
- Half-day subject-specific lunch sessions from 12 - 4 p.m.
- The graduation ceremony

COST

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

SCHEDULE

The Ascend class will meet monthly from 12 - 4 p.m. and will rotate topics like government leadership; community and nonprofit leadership; and professional development. The Ascend annual retreat will take place in January, with a graduation ceremony in December. The class will also break for the month of July.

A full schedule with meeting dates is available on our website at roundrockchamber.org/ascend.

APPLICATIONS & ASCEND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Applications for 2026 Ascend are open September 1 through October 20. Click here to apply!

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 2026 Ascend Program Chair is Tanner O'Brien with ActionCOACH Central Texas.

Email Anna Hipps at ahipps@roundrockchamber.org with any questions.