

Application Form

Applications are currently being accepted for the Class of 2026-2027. Your completed application, including your resumé and one letter of recommendation may be submitted at any time but no later than Friday, July 10th, 2026. For more information about Leadership Palo Alto, contact:

Charlie Weidanz; charlie@paloaltochamber.com

PERSONAL INFORMATION (for application and program use only)

Name: _____
(Please print)

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Company/Organization (work or volunteer): _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Personal _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Interests and Current Civic Volunteer Activities:

Work/volunteer in Palo Alto or for a Chamber member? Yes # of Years: _____ No

How did you hear about Leadership Palo Alto?

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS

(Please attach a separate page with your answers. 500 word maximum)

1. Why are you applying to Leadership Palo Alto, and what do you hope to gain from your participation in the program?
2. Describe the most significant community leadership activity (i.e. local service, board of directors, volunteer) in which you have been involved—what was your role in the activity and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Please describe an important issue you believe the greater Palo Alto community faces today.

RESUMÉ AND LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Resumé and one (1) letter of recommendation is required; please mail with your application or email to charlie@paloaltochamber.com.

EMPLOYER COMMITMENT (omit if self-employed or a community volunteer)

Participants in the Leadership Palo Alto program must have the full support and commitment of their employer if not self-employed. Your employer must be a Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce member in good standing or join prior to the commencement of the program year.

Please have the following signed by your employer/manager prior to submitting your application:

I am aware of the attendance requirements and offer my full support to ensure that my employee will attend all program days.

Name of Employer:

Title:

Signature of Employer:

Date:

FELLOW'S COMMITMENT

Graduation from Leadership Palo Alto is contingent upon completion of not less than 90% of program days.

- Except for illness or a business or family emergency, I commit to planning my time and responsibilities, both personal and professional, in a way that I will be able to attend all program sessions all day.
- I acknowledge that if accepted as a LPA Fellow, it will be my responsibility to ensure that the program fee **\$2,000 is paid by Friday, July 31, 2026**.

Applicant's Signature: _____

PROGRAM DAYS – 2nd Thursdays
9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Tentative: August 13 (Orientation, 5:30pm-7:00pm), September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13

The deadline to submit a completed application is **Friday, July 10, 2026**.

Completed applications may be submitted by email, or postal.

e-mail:

charlie@paloaltochamber.com

Mail: Leadership Palo Alto
c/o Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce
355 Alma Street
Palo Alto, CA 94301

In submitting this application, I confirm that I have read the above statements and that, to the best of my knowledge, the information I have given in my application is accurate.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Information: www.PaloAltoChamber.com/lpa

Eligibility for Leadership Palo Alto is open to all individuals 21 years and older regardless of race, class, sex/sexual orientation/gender identity, disability, creed, philosophy, citizenship or employment status. Applicants must be active in the Palo Alto community, either through their business, organization, volunteerism or residency. Selection is made with consideration for creating a vibrant mix of personal and professional backgrounds and skills. Applicants in final consideration will be interviewed.