



Dear RGV Leadership Applicant,

The RGV Partnership was formally established in 1944 to engage influencers, decision-makers and policymakers to advance prosperity in the Rio Grande Valley. In 2014, the Board of Directors launched the RGV Leadership Class to engage and educate Valley leaders on the importance of collaboration in our region.

RGV Leadership will begin its 6<sup>th</sup> annual 9-month educational program that will promote collaboration and discussion on the region's most pressing challenges and opportunities.

(retreat is scheduled to take place on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>)

### Program & Objectives

RGV Leadership strives to fulfill the following five objectives:

- Engage and expand the leadership skills of current and emerging leaders from our 4-county region
- Build long-lasting regional relationships
- Focus and discuss challenges and opportunities of the region
- Have a deeper understanding and appreciation of our four-county region
- Challenge the leadership class to innovate and help improve our quality of life with a regional perspective

### Time Commitment

Time commitment is very important; be assured you will be proud to have been part of this great program. The program includes a retreat orientation in South Padre Island that will require a one (1) overnight stay (meals and hotel included in the Tuition fee).

After the retreat you will be required to attend a full day session once a month. **Which will be on the third or fourth Friday of every month. (Meeting dates will be provided on August 16, 2019).** Regular Sessions will take place between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

### Tuition

RGV Leadership is offered to participants at \$1,000 in tuition. The tuition includes all program materials, class shirts, snacks, meals, overnight accommodations during retreats and some transportation. You have the option to pay in full by the first meeting, or it can be in paid in three installments.

Thank you,

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Deborah L. Cordova, Chair RGV Leadership  
Walsh McGurk Cordova Nixon, PLLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sergio Contreras".

Sergio Contreras  
President/CEO, RGV Partnership



# Class of 2020

**Application Deadline: August 16, 2019**

## PERSONAL DATA

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Years with Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in the RGV: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Education (Please include name of school, dates and degree/major):

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## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Please list in reverse chronological order.

Employer	Title	Dates Employed	Reason for Leaving
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**ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:**

Please list in order of importance to your community, civic, professional, business, religious, social, athletic and other organizations of which you have been a member. (Add extra pages if additional space is needed)

Organization	Dates	Highest Official Position held

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

What community involvement are you most proud of?

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Identify any special honors or awards you have received.

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**GENERAL**

Why do you think you would make a good candidate for Rio Grande Valley Leadership?

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In your opinion, what are the most pressing challenges facing the Rio Grande Valley today?

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Why do you believe these challenges persist?

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What do you hope to gain from your Rio Grande Valley Leadership experience?

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## APPLICANT AGREEMENT

**Minimum of two letters of recommendation must be submitted. One of those letters must be submitted by your current employer.**

Rio Grande Valley Leadership is a 9-month program that includes a retreat in Sout Padre Island that takes place on Friday, September 27th and Saturday, September 28th, 2019. Friday night hotel accommodations are included in your tuition. Attendance at the initial retreat is mandatory for all class participants.

Following the retreat, an 8-month program will be in place that will consist of full-day sessions on the 3rd or 4th Friday of each month. The sessions will be hosted across our four-county region. Each session will include group discussions and an opportunity to work on an assigned team project. A final calendar will be provided on August 16th, 2019.

Missing the initial retreat or more than 2 sessions during the program will automatically terminate your enrollment. Three late arrivals or early departures, or combination of the two, will be cause for automatic dismissal.

Personal electronic devices must be turned off during meetings.

**I have read and understood all of the above and hereby submit my application to Rio Grande Valley Leadership.**

Applicant's Signature

Date

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## EMPLOYER/ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT (must be signed if applicable)

This application has the approval of this applicant's employer, which includes the time required to participate in the program.

Employer's Signature

Date

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## TUITION

Tuition is \$1,000 which covers program costs for all sessions, including the Graduation Ceremony and Retreat. \*Tuition does not include the cost for the Austin trip. Tuition is non-refundable after the retreat has taken place.

## SUBMISSION

Please submit this completed application and two letters of recommendation to the following:

Rio Grande Valley Leadership  
P.O. Box 1499, Weslaco, TX 78599  
Or email [sandra@rgvpartnership.com](mailto:sandra@rgvpartnership.com) with  
RGV Leadership 2020 in the subject line.



## 2019-2020 Calendar

Class Dates	City	County	Class Subject	Time
September 27th-28th	SPI	Cameron	Retreat	Fri 4:00pm- Sat 2:00pm
October 18th	McAllen	Hidalgo	Quinta Mazatlan RGV Airports	8:30am-3:00pm
November 15th	Rio Grande City	Starr	Rio Grande City and Margo Ranch	8:30am-5:00pm
December 13th	Raymondville	Willacy	Energy-Wind, Solar, Gas, Electric	8:30am-3:00pm
January 17th	TBD	Cameron	Retail Commercial Residential	8:30am-3:00pm
February 21st	Weslaco	Hidalgo	Healthcare Panel/Site Visits	8:30am-3:00pm
March 20th	Edinburg	Hidalgo	Border Patrol/County Jail/DPS (DEA/FBI)	8:30am-3:00pm
April 17th	Brownsville	Cameron	Port of Brownsville Aviation	8:30am-3:00pm
May 15th	Edinburg	Hidalgo	Education-Texas A&M, Mission CEED Pharr Int. Bridge	8:30am-5:00pm
May 23rd	Weslaco	Hidalgo	Presentation to RGVP Board	12:00pm- 1:00pm
June 5th	TBD	TBD	Graduation	