



Dear RGV Leadership Applicant,

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

The RGV Leadership program will begin its 10th annual 9-month educational program, promoting collaboration and discussion on the region's most pressing challenges and opportunities.

Program & Objectives

RGV Leadership strives to fulfill the following objectives:

- Build long-lasting relationships with leaders from across the RGV
- Engage class members with elected officials and stakeholders in a leadership position
- Have a deeper understanding & appreciation of the RGV's challenges and opportunities
- Engage in a group project - with a formal presentation at the end of the program
- Continued relationship with the RGV Partnership after graduation and Alumni events

Time Commitment

Your time commitment to this program is essential and timely attendance is required. These will provide a successful and fulfilling experience. The program begins with an orientation retreat in South Padre Island that requires one (1) overnight stay. Your meals and hotel are included in the tuition fee.

(Retreat is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 7th, and Sunday, September 8th)

After the retreat, you will be required to attend full-day sessions once a month, which will be on the third Friday of each month. Friday sessions will take place between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Some sessions will commence earlier or end later due to travel time.

Tuition

RGV Leadership is offered to participants at \$1,500 in tuition for Partnership members and \$2,000 for non-members. Non-members will receive one year of membership with acceptance into the program. The tuition includes all program materials, class shirts, snacks, meals, overnight accommodations during the retreat, and some transportation. You may pay in full by the first meeting or it can be paid in three installments with the last being due by December 31, 2024.

Thank you,

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

Naomi Perales
Texas Gas Service
Chairwomen RGV Partnership

Daniel Silva
President/CEO



RGV
LEADERSHIP
Class of 2024

Application Deadline: June 19th, 2024

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: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Number: _____

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

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Please list in reverse chronological order.

Employer	Title	Dates Employed
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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?

Identify any special honors or awards you have received.

GENERAL

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

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

Why do you believe these challenges persist?

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

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 which includes a retreat in South Padre Island that takes place on Saturday, September 7th and Sunday, September 8th, 2024. Saturday night hotel accommodations are included in your tuition. Retreat attendance at the retreat is mandatory for all class participants.

Following the retreat, the remaining 8 assemblies will consist of full-day sessions on the 3rd 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.

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.

Electronic devices must be on silent mode during meetings.

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

Applicant's Signature

Date

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

TUITION

Tuition is \$1,500 for members and \$2,000 for non-members, which covers program costs for all sessions, including the Graduation Ceremony and Retreat. *Tuition does not include the cost for the Austin trip during legislative years. Tuition is non-refundable after the retreat has taken place.

SUBMISSION

Please submit this completed application, two letters of recommendation and a copy of your driver's license or identification card to the following:

Rio Grande Valley Leadership

P.O. Box 1499

Weslaco, TX 78599

Or email bertha@rgvpartnership.com with

RGV Leadership 2024 in the subject line.