



The Bridge Academy

ABOUT THE BRIDGE ACADEMY

The Southaven Chamber Foundation (SCF) is dedicated to enriching the educational landscape of Southaven, Mississippi, by fostering the growth of its community members and business professionals. The Bridge Academy is an innovative program that not only certifies participants in critical training for career advancement and promotional opportunities but also incorporates a significant mentorship component, ultimately fostering a community where education and leadership thrive.

BENEFITS OF THE BRIDGE ACADEMY

Participants of this program will:



Comprehensive Leadership Development

Gain a deep understanding of effective leadership through practical skills training



Community Engagement and Networking

Build relationships through service, hospitality, and networking to influence and contribute positively to the Southaven community.



Governmental Insight and Civic Awareness

Gain firsthand knowledge of local government operations, increasing their effectiveness as community leaders and informed citizens



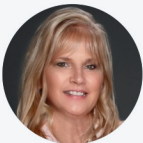
Ethical Business and Technological Savvy

Equip participants with the necessary skills to navigate the modern business landscape while maintaining ethical standards

APPLICATION

The Bridge Academy Class of 2024 applications open on February 1. There is a **\$250** non-refundable application fee.

Visit southavenfoundation.org for more information.



Debbie King

Executive Director,
Southaven Chamber of Commerce

“This program doesn't just educate; it inspires change and fosters a culture of continuous improvement and service. Participants emerge not only with enhanced skills but with a renewed passion to lead with integrity and a vision to serve.

The Bridge Academy is where professional growth and community service intersect, creating leaders who are as compassionate as they are competent.”



April Armstrong

Board President, Southaven Chamber Foundation
Catering Director, Chick-fil-A Southaven

“The Bridge Academy stands as a beacon of progress in Southaven, embodying our commitment to cultivate leadership that echoes beyond the boardrooms and into the heart of our community. It's more than a program; it's a transformational journey where emerging leaders are equipped with the tools for success, and where our most experienced professionals find new ways to give back, guiding the bright minds that will shape the future of our industries.”

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CLASS OF 2024 DATES

Opening Plenary	March 26, 2024	Be the Leader who Reaches Back	June 25, 2024
Becoming a Better Leader Through Effective Leadership Skills	March 26, 2024	Balancing Business Acumen and Business Ethics	July 23, 2024
Building Relationships through Service and Hospitality	April 23, 2024	Blasting into the Future with Technology	August 13, 2024
Being a Well-Informed Leader in Municipal Education	May 28, 2024	Convocation / Graduation	August 21, 2024

WHO SHOULD APPLY

The Bridge Academy is ideal for a diverse array of individuals (who live and/or work in Southaven) seeking to elevate their leadership potential and make a tangible impact within the Southaven community and professional spheres.

The program is tailored for those who are not only looking to lead but also to serve, inspire, and transform their vision into effective action.

Ideal Candidate:

- ✓ **Emerging Leader** looking to develop a strong foundation in leadership and community service.
- ✓ **Mid-Career Professional** looking to refine their skills, expand their influence, and gain insights into municipal operations and community engagement.
- ✓ **Professionals in Nonprofit and Education Sectors** who want to increase their impact through effective partnership-building and service-oriented leadership.

TUITION

Academy Dues: \$750

- Covers the cost of monthly program days and meals across 6 months.
- Includes one ticket to the August 2024 Quarterly Luncheon & Convocation
- Includes membership into SCF The Bridge Academy Alumni Engagement Program



For more details on The Bridge Academy, please contact us at inquiries@southavenfoundation.org

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