

Calendar of Events

January 1, 2023
- October 1, 2023

2023 Accredited Chamber Executive Application fee

12:00 AM - 12:00 AM CST

IACCE established the Accredited Chamber Executive (ACE) Program in 1997 to recognize the professional competency of ?chamber of commerce professionals in the state of Illinois.

The ACE designation is based upon experience, service to IACCE, training, continuing education and personal achievement of IACCE members.

The ACE designation strengthens the career development objectives of IACCE and provides recognition to Chamber professionals in Illinois. Selected recipients receive professional certification that can be included with the recipient's profile, biography and resume.

Your completed application and supporting materials must be submitted via email to lisa@iacce.org, along with a resume of professional experience and a letter of recommendation by October 1.

January 1, 2023
- June 30, 2023

2023 Chamber Certification Program Application Fee

Applications must be submitted by June 30.

About the Certification

The IACCE Certified Chamber of Commerce Program promotes public awareness of the intent of the chamber of commerce brand as a non-profit community development based business membership organization by providing a peer review process of generally accepted chamber of commerce organizational benchmarks.

?

Certification with IACCE defines excellence in chamber planning and recognizes chambers for outstanding contributions toward positive change in their communities. The purpose of the IACCE Certification Program is to facilitate continuing excellence in the chamber industry and to foster a pro-business environment across Illinois.

By becoming a certified chamber of commerce, chambers are recognized for sound business practices and for providing responsible and innovative programs to benefit their membership. IACCE is the professional development organization for Illinois chamber professionals. As such, it is our responsibility to guide chamber leaders and support each other.

Implementation

The IACCE Chamber Certification Program is voluntary. Any chamber that is accredited through the U.S. Chamber of Commerce is exempt from all application requirements with proof of accreditation. Only IACCE members may apply. Application does not guarantee approval of verification. Certification is based on information provided in the application and is a recognition designation. IACCE is not endorsing the chamber in any legal manner and is not liable for the actions of any certified or uncertified chamber.

Submission Timeline

The deadline to submit applications is June 30th of each year. (No applications are accepted after this date.) Panels of at least three chamber professionals review and score each application. The fee to apply is \$250 and must be paid no later than August 31.

Newly certified chambers are recognized during the IACCE annual conference at the annual awards ceremony, including a presentation of a Certified Chamber of Commerce plaque. In addition, a marketing packet is provided to assist the chamber in utilizing certification designation as an effective marketing tool in recruitment efforts.

February 14, 2023

ERTC - Why Your Chamber Should Apply for This Tax Credit

via webinar

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM CST

? *Myth: If you received any PPP funding, you are not eligible for the Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC).*

? *Fact: Your company could be entitled to up to \$26,000 per employee per qualifying period!*

The ERTC is designed to help small businesses (and chambers!) that were able to retain the heart of their companies, their employees, through the challenges of Covid-19. Whether you have one employee or a dozen, show your chamber some love and find out how you can get access to this funding. In the spirit of spreading the small business love, we've invited Angie Noll, ERTC expert and founder of Reconciled Solutions, to join us on a webinar on February 14th at 2pm CST. She'll share what you need to know about the ERTC, explain how to secure additional revenue, and provide clarity on some of the confusing points of the program.

Many IACCE members have already applied for and received their checks - join us to see if you can too!

April 18, 2023

Chamber Day

President Abraham Lincoln Hotel & Conference Center

701 E. Adams Street

Springfield, IL 62701

09:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

Callie Brenden,

cbrenden@ilchamber.org

Join us for our annual event co-hosted by the Illinois Chamber. This is our annual legislative event that you don't want to miss. More info here!

May 2, 2023

2023 Leadership Summit

Bolingbrook Golf Club

2001 Rodeo Drive

Bolingbrook, IL 60490

09:30 AM - 03:30 PM CST

Join us for this year's Leadership Summit. Much more info to follow - but make your hotel reservations for May 1, 2023 in the meantime!

We'll kick off with networking over cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres Monday, May 1 at the Bolingbrook Golf Club for those who can join us that evening. The actual times for Tuesday's Leadership Summit are still tentative but the cost will be \$75.

Book your hotel night for the IACCE Leadership Summit here. Guests may also phone the hotel directly at 630-378-0380 to reserve under the group name "IACCE Leadership Summit" and receive the discounted rate of \$149. The group rate expires Sunday, April 9, 2023.

Book your hotel IACCE Leadership Summit

August 24, 2023

2023 Membership Sales Training

09:00 AM - 04:00 PM CST

More info to follow but the cost will be \$55

November 8, 2023
- November 10, 2023

2023 IACCE Annual Conference

Hilton Chicago/Northbrook

2855 Milwaukee Ave

Northbrook, IL 60062

12:00 PM - 12:00 PM CST

Join us for our annual conference hosted by the Wheeling Chamber! Please visit the conference website for all of the information. Member registration is \$325 for the first person for your chamber, \$300 for each additional person.

Please make your hotel reservations here.