

Leadership Laclede County

2008-2009 Application: The Leadership Laclede County Class

Program Information and Application Instructions

What is Leadership Laclede County?

Leadership Laclede County (LLC) is an affiliation of community leaders committed to improving the quality of life in Lebanon and the surrounding areas. Leadership Laclede County seeks out and prepares leaders for positions of public and private decision-making, and fosters community involvement and the exercise of civic responsibility. Leadership Laclede County is designed to connect people in our communities in a way that nothing else can.

What can I expect from participation in the Leadership Laclede County Class?

Approximately twenty individuals participate in a nine-month LLC Class to explore regional issues, develop leadership skills, and strengthen their commitment to our communities.

The Leadership Laclede County Class aims to:

- Offer opportunities for participants to explore and strengthen personal leadership skills
- Provide rapport and peer relationships among participants and key civic and business leaders
- Acquaint individuals with the community's continuing needs, challenges, and resources
- Encourage participants to be involved in the community's future in ways that strengthen our communities

The Class of 2008-2009 will address such community issues as economic development, the environment, health care and education. Participants will hone leadership skills including communication, visioning, leading change, collaborative problem-solving, and facilitation techniques.

Presenters include community and business leaders and specialists in professional fields. The format includes experiential learning, case studies, lectures, open discussions, and class interaction.

Other benefits include:

- Valuable education
- Networking opportunities
- Community knowledge
- Exposure to Leadership opportunities in the area
- Useful handouts
- Lunch and snacks
- Graduation Banquet and Plaque

Who is the ideal applicant for the Leadership Laclede County Class?

In addition to the program requirements detailed on the Class Member Contract, successful applicants will have the desire to enhance the quality of life in Laclede County through continued civic service. Community service includes work in a variety of arenas including nonprofit organizations, neighborhood and community-based initiatives, elected and appointed offices, and other work in the public and private sector. The Selection Committee chooses a class that reflects the region's geographic, ethnic, and professional diversity, bringing together individuals from all communities, interests, backgrounds, and religious sectors. Class members are selected with these facets in mind, along with a desire to seek innovative solutions to community problems and a commitment to continued learning and growth.

Application Process

To ensure a qualified, diverse membership for Leadership Laclede County, partial tuition scholarships are available for individuals accepted into the Leadership Laclede County Class who demonstrate a need for assistance. Selection to the LLC Class is made without regard to scholarship requests, and it is a goal of Leadership Laclede County that no qualified applicant be unable to participate in the Class because of financial circumstances. Scholarships are available to class members unable to meet the full tuition requirements. As scholarship funds are limited, Leadership Laclede County encourages applicants to seek sponsorships from their employers, community organizations, and others with whom they serve, before submitting a scholarship request.

Tuition for the 2008-2009 LLC Class is \$350 (non-refundable). Applications, Class Member Contracts and Scholarship Request Forms must be submitted with the application by 5:00 p.m. on August 01, 2008. Full tuition, or a signed Scholarship Request Form, is due in full on August 15, 2008.

All applicants will be notified in mid-August, and the 2008-2009 Class will be announced to the public following the opening retreat. Applications are not accepted online or by fax; they must be hand delivered or mailed to the Lebanon Area Chamber at:

Physical Address:

Lebanon Area Chamber, 186 N. Adams, Lebanon, Missouri 65536

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 505, Lebanon, Missouri 65536

Make Checks Payable to: Lebanon Area Chamber - LEADERSHIP

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All Leadership Laclede County applicants are required to meet the following standards:

- Live or work in Laclede County.
- Not be a candidate for public office at the time of application.
- Have an interest in community service, including a desire to seek key volunteer, public office, board, or commission roles.
- Possess high standards of personal integrity.
- Possess a desire to solve community problems, as well as, develop leadership ability.
- Willing and able to commit the time necessary to complete the program. Mandatory time commitments include an overnight, two-day retreat on September 26-27, 2008; eight all-day sessions scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month from October through May. Must complete six of the eight sessions to graduate from the program. Class members will be asked to participate in class presentations, allowing him/her to learn first-hand about community needs and issues. These activities will require time in addition to Class sessions.

If selected...

- I will fully participate in Leadership Laclede County.
- I will attend the opening retreat on September 26-27, 2008; the eight monthly meetings, held the second Tuesday of each month from October through May. I have the authorization of the management of my company/organization to fully participate.
- I will arrive on time each day and be in attendance the **full** day.
- I will remit all fees and forms to Leadership Laclede County by August 15, 2008.
- If I am unable to comply with **any** of the above, I will notify the Lebanon Area Chamber offices as soon as possible and voluntarily withdraw from the program.

The above commitment statement and the information submitted with this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____

Date _____

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I. Personal Information

Name _____

Last

First

Middle

Preferred

Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Home phone _____ E-mail address _____

How long a Laclede County resident? _____ Have you applied for LLC before? Yes, when _____ No

Are you a graduate of another community-based leadership program? Yes, when _____ where _____ No

Ethnicity (*Leadership Laclede County seeks to reflect the diversity of the community in its Class, officers, and committees. The following question may be answered at the discretion of the applicant.*)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify _____ |

II. Employment Information

Preferred mailing address? Home Work

Company/Organization _____

Present job title _____

Business mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Office phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Brief description of duties (*Not more than 60 words.*)

Previous employment history (*List most recent information first, include titles and duties.*)

III. Education (*List most recent information first.*)

School	City, State	Dates Attended	Degree

List special awards or accomplishments while in school:

IV. Activities, Honors, and Awards (*List most recent information first.*) ***More About You***

On a separate sheet of paper, please list all civic, community, and religious activities and accomplishments. Include professional affiliations, awards, and honors; civic and community awards and accomplishments and include a brief (4-5 word) explanation of your role. Feel free to list activities in other cities.

V. Please Identify and Answer

Please answer the following question in approximately 150 words and attach it to the application. Thoughtful attention to the question will indicate your interest in community leadership.

Question: What characteristics do you possess that you believe would contribute to your becoming a successful leader?

VI. Letters of Recommendation

Applicants are required to submit **two** letters of recommendation in support of their applications. Consider asking individuals who can speak directly to your skills, desire to learn, and integrity.

Please have these letters addressed to Lebanon Area Chamber – LEADERSHIP, PO Box 505 Lebanon, MO 65536. Letters must arrive on or before the application due date, and may be submitted with your application. Indicate below those individuals you have asked to send a letter of recommendation.

Name _____ Title/Business _____

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