LEADERSHIP LAKE CITY

A Program of the Lake City - Columbia County Chamber of Commerce

Leadership Lake City is a valuable learning tool that provides civic minded participants with information relating to the issues, opportunities and challenges facing Lake City and Columbia County and cultivates a broadened network of well-informed leaders whose strengthened commitment to community involvement will affect positive change in Columbia County. Leadership Lake City identifies and prepares Columbia County residents to assume the demands of leadership in their community.

Based on the premise that people are the most important resource, the purpose of the program is to offer potential leaders a curriculum in community leadership training. Upon graduation, the program will mint a new batch of leaders, a diverse group of individuals with a renewed commitment to their local communities, and the skills, contacts and information to turn commitment into action. Sessions are held every Wednesday, beginning in April and running through June, to familiarize selected participants with issues and resources that directly impact the future of Columbia County. Participation is limited; additional cost required.

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**Dear Applicant,**

Thank you for your interest in Leadership Lake City! This program is designed to give you a holistic view of Lake City and Columbia County so that you may use the knowledge for the betterment of our community. Below you will find the application details and a program commitment agreement for the 2019 Leadership Lake City class.

**Please read the application thoroughly, follow instructions closely and review the program commitment agreement.**

**I. PARTICIPATION**

To graduate from LEADERSHIP LAKE CITY, you are required to:

* Attend all Mandatory Classes
* Maintain 80% Attendance Rating
* Come prepared and be willing to participate in class discussion

Leadership Lake City will meet every Wednesday, either during the work day or in the evening. Below, you will find a brief schedule of activities; mandatory events are bolded.

* April 10 – Welcome Reception
* **April 17 – Local Government & Infrastructure**
* **April 24 – Leadership**
* May 1 – Public Safety
* May 8 – Education/Workforce
* **May 16 – Economy**
* May 22 – Healthcare/Social Services
* **May 29 – Tourism/Recreation**
* June 5 - Graduation

**II. APPLICATION**

Please answer the following questions and attach to your application.

1. Please tell us about yourself in a few paragraphs.
2. What do you hope to gain, and how do you expect to utilize your LEADERSHIP LAKE CITY experience?

3) Identify briefly what you believe to be the three most important issues and/or opportunities facing our community.

4) Would you be willing to participate actively in the resolution of the problem(s) you have identified? If so, which problem(s) and why?

**III. RESUME**

Please enclose a resume. These will be used to develop our information package on the class. The resume should be brief and be written in the following order:

1. Name
2. Age
3. Degree or Skill
4. Experience

**IV. TUITION**

Tuition is $500 and should be made payable to The Lake City – Columbia County Chamber of Commerce. Tuition will cover all program costs and is due by the date specified on the enclosure.

Should you need an invoice or have any questions concerning Leadership Lake City, please contact Jordan at 386.752.3690. Send application and payment to:

*Leadership Lake City*

*Lake City – Columbia County Chamber of Commerce*

*162 S Marion Ave*

*Lake City, FL 32025*

***Payments are due by March 21, 2019***

**V. EMPLOYER COMMITMENT**

This applicant has the approval of this organization and our full support which includes the time required to participate in the program.

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**VI. APPLICANT COMMITMENT**

I understand the purposes of the Leadership Lake City program and I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the program. I agree to attend the four mandatory sessions in the schedule as well as have an 80% overall attendance of the classes. I understand that if I fail to attend the mandatory classes or do not adhere to the 80% attendance policy, I will not graduate from Leadership Lake City. Arriving more than one hour late or leaving more than one hour early will be considered an absence. Please note that although emergencies do arise, to ensure the integrity of the program no exceptions will be made to the attendance policy. I understand that if I do not graduate from the program no portion of my tuition will be refunded.  I understand the above commitments and agree to be bound by them in signing this application.

**Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

All applications and tuition must be received no later than Thursday, March 21 at 5:00 pm.