



*The mission of Leadership Ridgecrest is to propel, inspire, and motivate leaders in Ridgecrest community by identifying, involving, and connecting others to exercise leadership.*

*Leadership Ridgecrest nurtures leaders. The multi-faceted nine-month program offers a unique opportunity for community outreach, education and networking with other local leaders – current and future.*

*Leadership Ridgecrest is a coordinated effort to provide students with the knowledge, connections and relationships to engage in community leadership in the Ridgecrest area and Eastern Kern County.*

*In addition to offering a hands-on collaborative opportunity, the program provides extensive interaction with community leaders. Students will gain insights from the lives, experience, and stories of those who have accomplished extraordinary things in our community.*

**Applicants must reside or work in Ridgecrest area and be a minimum of 18 years of age.**

All applications will be handled in the strictest confidence. Please keep your responses brief and concise. A Selection Committee conducts all application screening and interviews. Finalists are selected for an interview based on application materials submitted. Class members are selected based on both the application materials and the personal interview.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Numbers of years in the Ridgecrest area? \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**I. Employment**

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Employment Date \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Business \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your responsibilities: Please use additional paper as necessary.

Please list your employment history for the past ten years and clearly identify leadership responsibilities and areas where you have managed projects and processes.

Employer	Title/Responsibility/Areas Managed

What would you consider your highest responsibility, skill or career achievement so far? Please list any other informal education, professional licenses, certifications or other training of significance:

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What are your leadership goals?

## II. Education

Beginning with the most recent, please list formal and informal education, professional licenses, certifications, continuing education credits, seminars attended, etc.

School Name/Location	From - To	Degree	Major

## III. Organizations/Activities/Community Involvement

Please identify any leadership responsibilities and areas where you have managed projects, people and processes (event chair, project chair, fundraising chair, board of directors, etc.).

Most recent major volunteer role:

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Describe responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list, in order of importance to you, other community, civic, professional, business, religious, social, athletic, and other organizations of which you have been a member.

Organization	Dates	Official Positions Held

What have you accomplished as a leader in any one or more of these activities that you think is important?

Please list any special awards and accomplishments

What are your areas of particular interest for leadership involvement (education, human services, government, religion, etc.)?

Compared to your present commitments, do you see your future community activities involving: (Please check one)

- About the same amount of time
- A substantially greater portion of time
- A moderate increase in time commitment

#### **IV. Mentors**

Please identify those that have engaged in your personal or professional development.

Name	Relationship

#### **V. General**

What do you hope to gain and how do you expect to utilize your LEADERSHIP RIDGECREST experience?

Identify and discuss a particular issue, opportunity or problem crucial to RIDGECREST as a community. Please be specific.

## VI. Tuition

Tuition for each participant in LEADERSHIP RIDGECREST is \$500. Tuition is non-refundable and must be paid when invoiced.

Who will pay your tuition?

- Employer
- Personally

## VII. References

Please provide the names of three business and/or personal references who can be contacted by the Screening Committee.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## VIII. Schedule

September 20, 2019

October 18, 2019

November 15, 2019

December 13, 2019

January 4, 2020

February 27, 2020

March 20, 2020

April 17, 2020

May 15, 2020

June 12, 2020

June 19, 2020 (*Evening Graduation*)

In addition to the class days listed, your participation as a team member in a class project, attendance at a City Council meeting, and attendance at a School Board meeting is also a requirement of the program. Time commitment varies for each team project.

## IX. Focus

LEADERSHIP RIDGECREST focuses on developing and enhancing leadership skills and provides exposure to a wide range of community issues including:

- Arts, Cultural, and Non-Profit
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- Economic Outlook Conference & Small Business
- Government
- Health and Human Services
- Leadership
- Media
- Natural Resources/Energy
- Defense Research and Development

## X. Participation

In order for LEADERSHIP RIDGECREST to accomplish its stated goals, the full participation of each individual is necessary. Class guidelines include:

- Attendance on the first class day is mandatory.
- Missing one of the mandatory class days (Sept. 18, 2018) or more than two full-day absences, counted in half-day (1/2) increments during the program will result in being dropped from the program with no tuition refund.
- Late arrival by 10 minutes or more or partial attendance at any session in excess of three occurrences will result in being dropped from the program with no tuition refund.
- Full participation in the curriculum is a requirement for graduation.
- Participation in a class project is required outside of scheduled class dates.
- Use of personal communication devices, such as cell phones, are not allowed during class time.

Participation in the LEADERSHIP RIDGECREST program must have the support and commitment of your employer if you are not self-employed.

I am aware of the attendance requirements and offer my support:

Name of Employer (*Please Print*) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

I understand the purpose of the LEADERSHIP RIDGECREST program and that the completion of this application does not ensure a candidate's acceptance in the current class. If selected to participate, I will devote the time required and will abide by all class requirements.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

As a matter of policy, LEADERSHIP RIDGECREST does not discriminate among applicants and participants on the basis of race, religion, sex, national origin, color, age, disability, or any other protective class.

## XI. Additional Materials

Please provide a current chronological resume with this completed and signed application. Individuals selected to participate in LEADERSHIP RIDGECREST will be asked to submit a headshot photo for publicity purposes.

## XII. Application Deadline

Applications must be received in the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce by 5 p.m., Friday, July 12, 2019.

Applicants who qualify for the final selection process will be contacted for interviews between July 30, 2019 and August 15, 2019.

All applicants will be notified of their status by September 1, 2019.

### Mail completed application to:

LEADERSHIP RIDGECREST  
Chamber of Commerce  
128 E. California Avenue, Suite C  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555