

**Applicant's Name**

**Application Deadline:** Friday, April 14, 2017

**Return completed applications**

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20 Airport Road, Suite C  
Palm Coast, FL 32164

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Flagler Public Leadership Institute

*May 5, 6, 12 & 13, 2017*

*Confidential Application*

Please thoroughly answer the application questions, resave the document as a pdf and return with your bio/resume/cv as well as a directory-quality photo in .jpg or .gif format.

For questions, please call Gretchen Smith at 386.206.0953.

Please note: Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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Dear Aspiring Public Leader:

Thank you for your interest in the Flagler Public Leadership Institute (FPLI), a free candidate education program of the Flagler County Chamber of Commerce.

Flagler County has made great progress over the past few years creating a healthier business climate and supporting economic development. We are fortunate to have elected officials who understand what it takes to keep moving in the right direction; however, to ensure we keep following the right path, our community needs to identify, cultivate and encourage the next generation of public leaders. By arming prospective candidates with information to decide whether and when they should run for office, FPLI helps build that bench of people willing to serve in future leadership roles.

The Flagler Chamber offers this program every other year to provide future leaders with an introduction to what it takes to run a successful campaign. Drawing on the expertise of current elected officials, community leaders and industry pros, participants gain insight to help them navigate the road to public office. A limited number of applicants (10 to 15) are selected to participate in each leadership class, based on a competitive application and interview process led by a selection committee. Those invited to participate in FPLI will be notified in late April and will receive a full scholarship thanks to the support of program sponsors.

The class will meet May 5, 6, 12 & 13, 2017 from 8AM - 4PM at the Flagler County Chamber of Commerce, 20 Airport Road, Palm Coast, with a welcome reception Thursday, May 4 starting at 5:30PM. You are welcome to bring a guest with you to the kick-off reception.

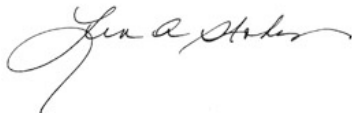
By submitting the attached application, you as an applicant, understand that:

- Acceptance does not guarantee a future candidate endorsement or support from the Flagler County Chamber of Commerce, program sponsors or anyone affiliated with the program directly or indirectly;
- A limited number of applicants will be chosen by a selection committee;
- This nonpartisan program is for serious prospective public leaders and not for the curious, campaign workers or current or aspiring political consultants;
- The selection committee will seek to choose the class it believes best represents the program's mission;
- The program, since it is being operated through a 501(c)3 cannot accept applicants who are incumbents or those who have already publicly declared or filed for office.

Thank you for your commitment to Flagler County and considering a run for public office.

Please call the Chamber at 386.437.0106 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Lea Stokes

Chair

Business Issues Committee of the Flagler County Chamber of Commerce

Attach Head Shot Here

Or email to  
Gsmith@flaglerchamber.org

# Flagler Public Leadership Institute Application

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You must attach two items to this document: (1) a biography, CV or resume that contains complete and up-to-date employment history and education and (2) a directory-quality photo in jpg or gif format.

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Are you currently a filed candidate for public office? Yes  No

**If yes, please do not proceed.** The Flagler Public Leadership Institute program cannot accept candidates who have already filed for office or publicly declared. We welcome applicants who may file for office in the future.

## ***Personal Information***

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Full Name:

Nickname:

Home address:

In what month and year did you move into your current residence?

Mobile phone:

Best e-mail address (required) for us to notify you:

Date of Birth:

## ***Employment***

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Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Occupation and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years in Present Position/Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions:

1. Please describe (in 300 words or less) what you view as the most important public-policy issue (or issues) facing Flagler County today and how any specific skills, talents or experiences from your business/professional background could be used to address this (these) important public-policy challenge(s)?
2. Please list any leadership roles that you currently hold or have held within the past five years in professional, business, civic or social organizations.

In addition, please describe any accomplishment(s) that resulted from a leadership role in a professional, business, civic or social organization (not including employment) within the past five years.

3. If the previous question did not apply to you, how do you plan on becoming more engaged in the community? In what area(s)? What is your strategy or timetable for involvement?
4. What specifically do you hope to learn if chosen to participate in the Flagler Public Leadership Institute? Please answer in 150 words or less.

5. How did you hear about the program?
6. Have you ever held an elected or appointed office or served on a government board, task force or commission? Yes  No

If yes, please list the office(s) or board(s) and years served:

7. Have you been a candidate for political office? Yes  No

If yes, what was the office and when did you run?

8. Have you served in the military? Yes  No

If yes, please list the military branch, years of service, rank and discharge status:

9. Have you ever been convicted, pled nolo contendere (no contest), been placed on probation, fined, entered a pre-trial intervention program or had adjudication withheld by any judicial or quasi-judicial body for any felony or misdemeanor other than minor traffic violations?  
Yes  No

If yes, please explain:

10. If invited to participate in the Flagler Public Leadership Institute, do you understand that full attendance at the entire Leadership Institute May 5, May 6, May 12 & May 13 is mandatory for acceptance into the program? Yes  No

11. Although not required, do you have a timetable and office in mind for when you might consider running? Yes  No

Which office?

Which election year?

11. Although not required, what is your registered political affiliation?

Democrat  Republican  No Party Affiliation  Not registered to vote

Other (please identify)

12. In what year did you register to vote at your current residence?

13. In what year did you first register to vote?

14. Please use the space below to provide any other information that you would like to share with the selection committee, particularly as it demonstrates your commitment to public service, community involvement and leadership? (You may also attach an extra sheet of paper.)

15. Please provide the names and complete contact information for at least three (3) personal or professional references.

Reference 1

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Reference 2

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Reference 3

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

I understand the purpose of the Flagler Public Leadership Institute, and if I am selected as a participant, I will devote the time required to complete the four-day course.

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Signature of Applicant

Date

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by email or in person to:

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