



Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce Leadership Adirondack

A community leadership program

APPLICATION FOR 2019-20 CLASS PARTICIPATION

CRITERIA FOR THE ARCC LEADERSHIP ADIRONDACK PROGRAM

- Demonstrates a potential for community leadership and a sincere commitment, motivation and interest in serving the community in which they live or work;
- Shows potential for advancement to top leadership positions within their organization, which may result in significant influence on important issues and challenges facing the community;
- Has the time to fully complete the program with the full support of their organization;
- And intends, upon program completion, to seek roles on community boards or committees, key volunteer leadership positions, or public office.

Participant Name: _____

Company/Organization Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Work Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Home Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

Dietary Restriction: _____

Physical Restriction: _____

- I. **Biography:** Attach an updated resume or provide a separate written description of your employment, education and community service experiences. Please be specific.
- II. **Leadership Q&A:** Please use the space below or submit separate written answers to the following questions about your goals and expectations:
- a. What benefits do you anticipate enjoying, as a result of your participation, in this program?
1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

b. In your opinion what are three of your personal strengths that might benefit this class?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

c. What is the most important improvement you intend to make personally as a leader in your company or community from participating in this program and why?

d. In your opinion, what are the three greatest opportunities and/or challenges facing our region as a community that should be addressed in the coming year?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Leadership Adirondack Community Class Project Criteria:

- Cannot benefit a for profit company
- Must benefit an ARCC nonprofit member
- Must benefit the community
- Must not benefit one individual
- Must have a fundraising component
- Must be totally altruistic in nature

e. In your opinion, what would be 3 suggestions for a community project for this year's class?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

III. Please provide a written statement of at least 100 words as to why you would like to participate in the ARCC Leadership Adirondack program.

IV. **Letter of Reference:** Please attach a letter of reference from an individual that is either a personal reference or a reference about your community involvement.

V. **Participant Commitment:** Please read the following "participant commitment statement" and indicate your willingness to abide by these requirements:

I understand that participation in the ARCC's Leadership Adirondack program requires a serious commitment of time and energy. To graduate, I realize that I must attend the Get Acquainted event, the 2-day Leadership Retreat in late September, as well as the nine community sessions that will run on select weekdays. I further

acknowledge that as a requirement of graduation, I commit my willingness to work with the other Leadership Adirondack participants in my class to fulfill a meaningful community enrichment project.

Your signature: _____ Date _____

Print Your Name: _____

VI. **Employer Commitment:** Please attach a letter of endorsement from your employer as to why they believe you would be a strong candidate for participation in Leadership Adirondack.

VII. Please have your employer read the following "employer commitment statement" and indicate his/her willingness to abide by these requirements:

I/we understand that by extending an invitation to our employee to participate in the Leadership Adirondack program that the employee will be released from work responsibilities according to the 2019-2020 program schedule. This includes the employee's participation in the program's mandatory two day, one-night Leadership Retreat, nine individual day sessions, and the needed time to work on a community class project.

Employer/Sponsor signature: _____

Print Name: _____ Title _____

VIII. **Tuition:** ARCC members and their employees pay \$1,500 to participate in this program. A deposit of \$500 is required with your completed application. If your application is not accepted, an application/processing fee of \$50 will apply and a refund of \$450 will be made. Upon acceptance, the balance of your tuition payment is due by **September 13, 2019**, and tuition is non-refundable after this date.

IX. **Completed Applications/Registration Forms:** Please mail one original of all completed registration forms, attachments, and your \$500 deposit to the ARCC Leadership Advisory Council, Attn: Cheryl Stanko 136 Glen Street, Suite 3, Glens Falls, NY 12801. **Deadline for application is July 31, 2019.**

For more information please contact Cheryl Stanko via email at cstanko@adirondackchamber.org or by phone at (518) 798-1761.

X. Applications will be reviewed by the Leadership Adirondack Advisory Council and the determination of participants is solely the decision of the Council. Approved applicants will be notified as early as possible to allow for preparation and planning for participation. Class size is limited to **24** individuals. Thank you for your interest in joining the 2019-2020 Leadership Adirondack program and we wish you luck in your acceptance.