



2017-2018 LEADERSHIP TULARE APPLICATION

Must be returned to the Tulare Chamber of Commerce by August 18th, 2017 by 4:00 pm

Leadership Tulare is a program developed to prepare, involve, and sustain leaders from diverse backgrounds who are committed and competent to address community challenges in Tulare.

Objectives:

- Select men and women from a variety of geographic, ethnic, institutional and economic backgrounds with an interest in and the leadership ability to address emerging and ongoing community issues.
- Prepare the participants with information, training, activities, experiences and motivation to assume responsible and demanding roles in solving a variety of community challenges.
- Involve our emerging leaders through simulation and assignment in using their talent, resources and expertise to address community problems.
- Sustain the involvement, interest and association of current and emerging leaders.
- Through the program curricula, participants will develop and refine their leadership skills as they meet current leaders, participate in problem solving discussions and observe the operation of community efforts.

Application Instructions

1. Respond to the five topics listed on page 2 of the application. Please use additional paper to respond to these subjects. All responses must be concise, typewritten and no more than a total of two (2) pages.
2. Submit two (2) letters of reference: one personal and one professional. The letters must be current and typewritten.
3. Complete the contract on page 4 of this application packet in order to be considered for the Leadership Tulare program. Please be certain that you have original signatures on the application when it is submitted to the Tulare Chamber of Commerce. Your signature indicates your agreement to abide by the requirements of the Leadership Tulare program which includes payment of fees, attendance, participation, and program assignments.
4. Attend an interview with the Leadership Tulare Selection Committee to be scheduled in August 2017. You will be notified regarding interview times after the application deadline. Professional attire is recommended.

Program Topics

Sessions on local history, agriculture, media, economic development, government and politics, health, education, quality of life and cultural diversity, will be included in the curriculum. The program will begin in September with the Orientation and Welcome Reception, followed by a two-day Retreat, September 28 & 29, 2017.

Schedule 2017-2018

Welcome Reception and Class Orientation

September 18, 2017
Orientation 3:00 - 6:00 pm
Reception 6:30 pm

Retreat

September 28 & 29, 2017

3rd Thursday All-Day Sessions (8 am to 5 pm):

October 19, 2017
November 16, 2017
December 21, 2017
January 19, 2018
February 15, 2018
March 15, 2018
April 18 & 19, 2018 (Sacramento Trip)
May 17, 2018
May 24, 2018, Program Graduation

1st Thursday Evening Sessions (6:00 to 8:00 pm):

October 5, 2017
November 2, 2017
December 7, 2017
January 4, 2018
February 1, 2018
March 1, 2018
April 5, 2018
May 3, 2018

Please submit the following:

1. Completed application with sponsor/ employer signature;
2. Responses to questions 1-5;
3. Two (2) Letters of Reference; and,
4. Scholarship Request Letter if applicable.

Please submit your completed application to:

**Tulare Chamber of Commerce
220 E. Tulare Avenue
Tulare, CA 93274**

NO LATER THAN:

Friday, August 18th 2017

*For questions you may call
The Tulare Chamber
559-686-1547*

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APPLICANT

Applicant's Full Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Applicant's Preferred Name (if different): _____

Home Address: _____

Employer: _____ Position/Title: _____

Employer's Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Fax No.: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ (Relationship): _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

I prefer to receive mailings at My home address My business address

Please mark your Polo Shirt size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

I acknowledge that all information contained on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree to abide by the attendance, assignment and financial requirements listed herein if I am accepted into the program.

Applicant's Signature Acknowledgement: _____ Date: _____

SPONSOR/EMPLOYER

Sponsoring Business/Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____ Sponsor Phone: _____

Sponsor Mailing Address: _____

Sponsor/Employer:

I understand that the total amount of tuition for participation in Leadership Tulare is \$600, and applicants are asked to pay \$150 of the tuition personally. I agree to pay \$600 toward the above applicant's tuition by no later than Sept. 15, 2017 if he/she is accepted into the program.

Employer:

I have reviewed the dates and level of participation required by the candidate and support him/her.

Sponsor/Employer Signature: _____ Date: _____

SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST

In order to make the program accessible to all interested members of the community we offer a scholarship of \$600. If interested in applying for scholarship assistance please attach a letter supporting your request.

I am requesting scholarship assistance and have attached a letter supporting my request.

Please respond to the following:

1. **Education:** Please state your educational background including any degrees awarded, field of study, professional institutes or certificates, training programs, etc.
2. **Involvement:** List the major civic, business, school, church, community, and/or professional activities that you have participated in during the past five (5) years. For each activity, indicate the nature of your participation and any offices you have held. List any awards of special recognition you have received.
3. **Objectives:** What are the areas in which you hope to benefit as a result of participating in the Leadership Tulare Program? How do you expect to use the experience you gain?
4. **Concerns:** Identify and discuss one particular issue, opportunity, or problem that you feel is crucial to the Tulare area.
5. **Leadership:** What qualities do you find most important in community leaders? Why?

Program Requirements

If selected to participate in the Leadership Tulare Class of 2017-2018, you will be required to:

1. **Pay a \$750 tuition (\$850 Nonmember)**
2. **Fee – \$150 to be paid by the participant on or before September 1, 2017;** and the remaining \$600 to be paid in full by the sponsor or employer **by September 15, 2017.** Participant employer/sponsor fees are non-refundable in the event the participant voluntarily leaves the program any time after the opening reception or is removed from the program. **Limited Scholarships and payment plans may be available if requested.**
3. **Attend ALL Day Sessions** of the program in addition to the opening reception/orientation and a two day retreat. Tuesday sessions last from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm one session per month from September through May, and may include extra-curricular assignments and/or research. Attendance of all sessions is required. In the event of an emergency, one excused absence may be granted with *prior* approval of the Leadership Tulare Performance Chair, provided that make-up requirements outlined in the Attendance Policy are met. Make up assignments will be directed by the Leadership Tulare Performance Chair and may include community service, make up with another Leadership program, or other assignments at the discretion of the Performance Chair. **Attendance is mandatory for the Retreat and the Sacramento Trip, no exceptions.**
4. **Attend ALL Evening Sessions.** These sessions are designed to develop personal leadership skills and will last approximately 2 hours (6:00-8:00pm) and will be held on the first Thursday of each month. In the event of an emergency, one excused absence may be granted with prior approval of the Leadership Tulare Performance Chair, provided that make-up requirements outlined in the Attendance Policy are met. Make up assignments will be directed by the Leadership Tulare Facilitator and may include community service, make up with another Leadership program, or other assignments at the discretion of the Performance Chair.

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5. **Class Projects; Participate in a class fund-raising project** required to achieve a minimum \$10,000 net proceeds as well as a **community service project**. These funds will be used to support the Leadership Tulare Program for the subsequent year(s). Planning of the projects will be done outside of normal session time.
6. **Have the support and commitment of your employer.** You will need a signature from your employer on page 3 of this application, indicating that they are aware that you may be participating in this program during normal operating hours and that they give permission for you to be absent from work during those times.
7. **Reside or be employed within the greater Tulare area.**
8. **Be a minimum age of 21 years.**