

APPLICATION

The Leadership Vermilion Program was formed by the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce in 2014 *to develop informed and committed citizens in order to strengthen and improve the quality of life for all Vermilion residents.*

Objectives:

- ✓ Develop communication and leadership skills
- ✓ Train in communication and leadership/management styles through group interaction and a structured community project
- ✓ Educate and familiarize participants with the Vermilion Parish community, and the issues, opportunities and challenges facing the area
- ✓ Meet and interact with current community leaders and experts
- ✓ Build strong business and personal networks

Today's Vision...Tomorrow's Leaders

Be one of the dynamic individuals selected to participate in Leadership Vermilion—**Class 7**. During these sessions, meet with local and regional leaders to examine issues of critical importance to the Vermilion Parish community. Site visits, roundtables, group discussions, and hands-on applications allow for active engagement. The Leadership Vermilion program offers participants access to an extraordinary network of area leaders and a unique opportunity to strengthen leadership skills.

This program is an avenue for the development of tomorrow's community leaders. The program offers participants a collaborative forum in understanding the facets of our community and the services provided to its citizens. Candidates enjoy:

- the pursuit of life-long learning
- knowledge of issues firsthand, thereby becoming effective in influencing policy change on a community level
- a greater pool of business/professional contacts throughout the Vermilion Parish area
- effective interaction with local government and community agencies, special-interest groups
- satisfying personal contacts in civic, business and professional life

LEADERSHIP VERMILION APPLICATION CLASS 2020
PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

Please make sure you do not have any conflicts with the dates that are provisionally set for the Class of 2020—**Class 7**. Only two session absences are permitted in order to graduate. Program tuition is **\$500 for participants, due on acceptance to the program**. Please indicate how your tuition will be paid. The tuition must be paid in full to the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce no later than **December 20, 2019**.

Employer _____ Personal _____ Other (please specify) _____

Should you have to excuse yourself from the program for any reason, including relocation or change of employment, the class program fees are non-refundable. Your employer will be unable to substitute another employee.

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants must:

- ◆ Demonstrate leadership in his/her community
- ◆ Have an interest in furthering his/her knowledge about Vermilion Parish and community leadership
- ◆ Commit to full participation in the Leadership Vermilion program. The program requires a major time commitment; please be sure that you can make this commitment before applying.
- ◆ Be active in business in Vermilion Parish.

SELECTION PROCESS

All applications will be reviewed by the Leadership Vermilion Selection Committee.

Time Table:

- ◆ Select 2020 Class Participants – *November 2019*
- ◆ Notify all Applicants in writing of the Selection Committee's decision – *December 2019*
- ◆ Payment of Tuition required upon acceptance – *December 20, 2019*.
- ◆ Press releases announcing upcoming Leadership Vermilion Class participants –*January 2019*

Leadership Vermilion class size is limited to 20 participants. If you are not accepted into this class year, you are encouraged to re-apply for upcoming Leadership Vermilion programs.

APPLICATION PROCESS / REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Submit your application electronically by emailing it to lynn@vermilionchamber.org no later than 12:00 P.M. on **October 4, 2019**
- ◆ You may also submit typed applications (hand written applications not accepted) and send via U.S. Mail or hand deliver to: The Leadership Vermilion Program, Attn: Lynn Guillory, 1907 Veterans Memorial Drive, Abbeville, LA 70510. Applications mailed must be postmarked no later than 12:00 pm, **October 4, 2019**. Hand deliveries will not be accepted after that same date and time.
- ◆ Upon acceptance a headshot of you will be required. (preferable format TIF or JPEG)
- ◆ You will need to supply an e-mail address that the Leadership Vermilion Program coordinator can use to communicate important program information throughout the class year. This e-mail address must be able to receive document attachments.

EXPECTATIONS OF GRADUATES:

- ◆ Applicants to Leadership Vermilion will be expected to become active participants in advancing the community and making a positive contribution to Vermilion Parish post-graduation.
- ◆ Graduates may serve as session leaders for the following year's Leadership Vermilion Class.
- ◆ Leadership graduates are expected to be active participants in the committees which make up the Alumni Association's programs and activities throughout the year.

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL
DEADLINE FOR APPLYING IS October 4, 2019

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (Last)

(Middle)

(First)

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Home Address

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City

Zip

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Phone

Fax

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E-Mail Address (IMPORTANT: Most of our correspondence will be done electronically)

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(Check One): Female Male

Please check items that apply: African-American Caucasian Hispanic Asian or Pacific-American

American Indian Other (please specify) _____

Years Permanent Residency in Vermilion Parish

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Education

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OCCUPATION:

Employer

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Parent Company (If Applicable)

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Your Title

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Business Address

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City	Zip	Telephone	FAX

Principal in Charge of Firm

Name	Title	Phone

Please tell us a little about yourself, i.e., current position and duties, past employment, extracurricular honors, awards and special interests:

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

Organization	Positions Held	Years Member

To date, what do you consider your most significant civic or community contribution?

During your career, what do you consider your most significant business contribution, skill or achievement?

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Describe an important ambition in your life. Tell what you hope to accomplish and achieve.

What do you consider to be your major strengths and qualifications for the Leadership Vermilion Program, and why do you wish to participate?

What benefits to the community do you feel are likely to result from your participation in the Leadership Vermilion Program?

Discuss one specific problem that you have observed within Vermilion Parish. Explain why it is important and what issues it raises. Make one suggestion for its solution. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

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EMPLOYER AUTHORIZATION

Full support from the applicant's employer is necessary to be able to effectively participate in Leadership Vermilion. I have approved the submission of this application and the time and any financial commitment required on our part for the applicant to participate in Leadership Vermilion. I have read and understood the Cancellation & Refund Policy.

Employer Signature

Date

Cancellation & Refund Policy

If your schedule does not permit you to attend all classes, then it is recommended to postpone applying to the Leadership Vermilion Program until your schedule can accommodate the **entire** time commitment of the program. Class members are expected to arrive on time and remain with the class for the entire session.

1. Cancellation must be made in writing and received by the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce by 5:00 p.m. on the dates specified below.
2. Cancellation on or before December 27 will be given a full refund of any tuition paid.
3. Cancellation after December 27 but two weeks prior to the Welcome Reception & Orientation will be given a 50% refund of the full tuition amount minus any scholarship money provided to the candidate.
4. Even though circumstances do arise, any participant missing more than two sessions will not graduate with the class, and no portion of tuition will be refunded.

Commitment:

I certify that all of the above information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide proof of the information that I have given on this form, if necessary. I would like to apply to be a participant in the Leadership Vermilion Program. I am willing to commit the required time and involvement in the program, and will utilize my leadership skills and knowledge to the benefit of the community.

Name

Signature (indicate with an X when filing electronically to the terms and expectations).

Date _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 4, 2019 by 12:00 pm

Lynn Guillory, Executive Director

Vermilion Chamber of Commerce, 1907 Veterans Memorial Dr., Abbeville, LA 70510

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Leadership Vermilion Schedule

Date	Time	Place	
January 16, 2020	4:30 pm – 8:00 pm	TBA	Welcome & Class Orientation
February 20, 2020	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Henry High Gym- Classrooms	Emergenetics
March 20, 2020	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Erath Community Center	SIMSOC
April 30, 2020	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	TBA	Vermilion Parish Cultural Tour
May 20, 2020 (only meeting on a Wednesday)	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Meet at St. Alphonsus Church	Government & Legislative Affairs (trip to state capitol)
June 20, 2019	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	TBA	Health Care Issues/ Parish Offices
July 16, 2020	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	TBA	Commerce & Sustainability
August 20, 2020	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	TBA	Public Safety
September 20, 2020	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	TBA	Education
October 15, 2020	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	TBA	Wrap Up
	6:00 PM		Graduation

Attendance Policy: Please make sure you do not have any conflicts with the dates that are provisionally set for the Class of 2020—**Class 7**. To be eligible for graduation from Leadership Vermilion, a participant is expected to attend all scheduled sessions from January through October. Only two session absences are permitted in order to graduate.

Note that partial absences during portions of program day(s) will accumulate and may result in a full absence at the discretion of Leadership Vermilion Steering Committee.

Even though circumstances do arise, any participant missing more than two sessions will not graduate with the class, and no portion of tuition will be refunded.

If you are dropped from the program, you do have the following option to complete the program.

- You have the following year to fulfil the requirements of Leadership Vermilion.
- You must attend the Welcome/Orientation Session, makeup the sessions that were missed during your enrollment in Leadership Vermilion, and participate in the Graduation Ceremony the next year.
- Makeup Session tuition is **\$250** for participants. The tuition must be paid in full to the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce no later than the final day of December 2020.
- Upon completion, you will graduate with Class 8.

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