

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 6**. 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 2019
PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

Please make sure you do not have any conflicts with the dates that are provisionally set for the Class of 2019—**Class 6**. 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 27, 2018**.

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 2019 Class Participants – *November 2018*
- ◆ Notify all Applicants in writing of the Selection Committee's decision – *December 2018*
- ◆ Payment of Tuition required upon acceptance – *December 27, 2018*.
- ◆ 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, 2018**
- ◆ 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, 2018**. 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 2018

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (Last)

(Middle)

(First)

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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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Principal in Charge of Firm

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| Name | Title | Phone |
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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 |
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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, 2018 by 12:00 pm
Lynn Guillory, Executive Director

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Leadership Vermilion Schedule (Topics subject to some changes.)

Session times run approximately from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and may start earlier or run later.
Locations vary based on the session topic. Lunch will be included. Tours of some facilities may be included.
Some sessions require externships. **Only TWO sessions absences are permitted in order to graduate.**

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| January 17 | Welcome Reception & Class Orientation |
| Session 1 February 21 | Team Building/Leadership/Communication (Emergenetics) Activities designed to encourage team building and interaction. Participants learn about various personality and leadership style. The session focuses on communication and professional working relationships. |
| Session 2: March 21 | SIMSOC Session focuses on developing strategic skills in understanding how communities and societies operate. |
| Session 3: April 18 | Tourism & Culture Participants learn how tourism contributes to our economy and quality of life. Bus tour of Vermilion Parish. |
| Session 4: May 15 | Government & Legislative Affairs Participants will spend the day at the State Capitol observing the legislative process. <i>*Discussion during Wrap Up of observation of School Board Meeting</i> |
| Session 5: June 20 | Education Session focuses on current topics of interest in the education sector. The goal of education is to develop a passion for lifelong learning in the student, regardless of their age or previous level of education. This session will focus on our local learning institutions from birth to advanced degrees offering a fresh perspective on education at every level of learning. <i>*Discussion during Wrap Up of observation of Municipality Meeting</i> |
| Session 6: July 18 | Commerce & Sustainability Session focuses on development and sustainability from the perspective of both local business and government. Learn why economic development matters to all businesses and how a community is formed around them. <i>*Discussion during Wrap Up of observation of Abbeville Harbor & Terminal or Twin Parish Port Meeting</i> |
| Session 7: August 15 | Public Safety Local law enforcement officials interact with the class to offer an overview of the safety concerns facing the area |
| Session 8: September 19 | Parish Offices/Leadership Training Participants will visit our Vermilion Parish Offices and meet with the Vermilion Parish officials. Afternoon will be focus on leadership training exercises. <i>*Discussion during Wrap Up of observation of Police Jury Meeting</i> |

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Session 9: Wrapping it Up - Class Graduation

October 17 The class will spend the morning making plans for next year's Leadership Vermilion Class.
Evening: Celebrate your success with a dinner program and graduation ceremony with your supervisor.

A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm.

--HENRIK IBSEN