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Dear Leaders and Prospective Leadership Meadville Candidates:

Leadership is often the difference between success and failure for businesses, organizations and communities. Leadership Meadville is a proactive initiative to develop leadership capacity in the Crawford County area.

Applications for Class 8 of Leadership Meadville are now being accepted.

Applications are due by June 16, 2017. Interviews will take place in June and July. Class 8 of Leadership Meadville will begin with an **Orientation day in August 2017 (date to be announced).**

A maximum of 18 individuals who live and/or work in Crawford County will come together on **the second Friday of each month, September through May 2018**, to develop their skills and learn how to apply their knowledge to the workplace and community.

We continue to improve the program based on participant feedback, making Leadership Meadville even more relevant and applicable. We are proud of the leadership roles taken in the region by our seven classes of graduates.

Please consider participation in the 2017-18 class and share this information with your employees or colleagues who you think might be interested.

Thank you for your help in supporting our businesses and communities! Please contact the Meadville-Western Crawford County Chamber of Commerce with any questions at 814-337-8030.

Sincerely,

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Christa Battin
Executive Director



Application Form

The MISSION of Leadership Meadville: To identify and develop current and future leaders through a comprehensive program designed to increase knowledge and awareness of the issues and challenges facing this community.

Our VISION is to be a highly valued and respected program recognized for the quality and diversity of its members, who remain committed to improving our region through ongoing education, awareness, and involvement.

Instructions:

- Submit entire application and attachments by **Friday, June 16, 2017** to:
Meadville-Western Crawford County Chamber of Commerce
908 Diamond Park, Meadville, PA 16335 or fax to 814-337-8022
- Application must be signed by candidate, candidate's employer (if applicable) and financial sponsor (if applicable).
- Please complete entire application (application form, resume and additional information) process.
Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Personal Information

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City/Town, State, Zip: _____

Preferred Telephone: _____

Preferred E-mail: _____

Length of time living and/or working in area: _____ Birthdate: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relation: _____

Phone Number: _____

Any physical limitations? If so, please describe:

Any dietary restrictions? If so, please describe:

Polo shirt size: (Check one) Men's: Small Medium Large XL 2XL 3XL
Women's: Small Medium Large XL 2XL 3XL

Employment: Please fill in this section AND attach a resume.

Current Employer: _____

Date Employed: _____

Business Address _____

City/Town, State, Zip: _____

Business phone/extension: _____ Business fax: _____

Business E-Mail: _____

Name of Supervisor: _____

Supervisor's E-Mail: _____

Type of organization (government, non-profit, manufacturing, etc.): _____

Additional Information

Please complete the following items on separate sheets of paper and return with the application:

1. A resume.
2. Please write a essay of at least 500 words on why you should be chosen as a participant for Leadership Meadville 8 and what you expect to gain from the program.
3. Please list the three most significant challenges facing our area in the near future. Briefly explain your choices.

Employer Financial Commitment (if applicable)

Tuition is \$600 for Chamber members; \$750 for non-members. The full amount of tuition is due by Friday, August 18, 2017.

Sponsor: I agree to pay the Meadville-Western Crawford County Chamber of Commerce tuition of \$600 or \$750 (please circle) for this applicant. I understand the tuition is non-refundable.

Employer signature _____

Print Name and Title _____

Financial Assistance

A tuition subsidy (partial scholarship) may be available for individuals based on financial need. Please be aware that financial assistance is limited to a maximum of \$300, so participants must self-fund a minimum of \$300.

- Check this box if you are requesting financial assistance. Also, please provide a short essay of at least 250 words explaining why you should be granted the scholarship. **Include this essay with your application.**

Amount you are requesting: \$ _____

Personal Commitment

Leadership Meadville Class of 2017-18 (LM8) represents a commitment. In order to achieve its objectives, the full participation of each individual selected is required. **Participants are expected to attend 9 full-day sessions (7:00 am to 4:00 pm) and Orientation** (each program is the second Friday of each month, September through May, with the exception of Orientation, which is typically a Thursday), **complete required leadership readings, provide feedback and reflection on each session, and actively participate in the Chili, Chowder and Soup Cook-Off (class fundraising project).** **Participants will be evaluated on a points system throughout the program and must achieve at least 85% in order to meet graduation requirements.**

The program begins in August 2017, with an Orientation Day (actual date to be announced), and ends with graduation during the last class on Friday, May 11, 2018.

Applicants must be at least 25 years of age or have a minimum of five years of professional work experience.

I understand the goals and purpose of Leadership Meadville, and I am willing to attend all the sessions/functions sponsored by Leadership Meadville and devote the time necessary to be a contributing participant. I understand that if I fail to meet this commitment (less than 85% of total points), I will not graduate.

If I am a self-funded participant, I also agree to pay the \$600 or \$750 tuition by August 18, 2017. I understand this tuition is non-refundable.

- I understand that I, and my employer/sponsor (if applicable), will be provided a progress report mid-way through the program.**

Candidate Signature _____

Employer Commitment (if applicable)

I understand the time commitment required and agree to allow my employee to devote the time necessary to be an active participant of Leadership Meadville 2017-18.

Employer signature _____

Print Name and Title _____

Please Verify

- ✓ **Applicants must complete all items listed on this form, submit a resume, 500 word essay, and an outline of three challenges facing our area. Also, include required essay if applying for a scholarship.**
- ✓ **Application must be returned by Friday, June 16, 2017, to the Meadville-Western Crawford County Chamber of Commerce.**
- ✓ **Each applicant will be contacted to schedule an interview for program admission. Interviews are conducted in July.**
- ✓ **Payment in full is due by Friday, August 18, 2017.**