



APPLICATION



Name: (last, first, middle) _____

Address: _____

Day Telephone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

How (or from whom) did you learn about Leadership North Port? _____

Recommendations:

Please list two people who are knowledgeable about your leadership performance and potential. You may submit the required (one) letter of recommendation from one of the people you list below:

Name

Telephone Number

Affiliation

E-Mail Address

Name

Telephone Number

Affiliation

E-Mail Address

Commitment:

Tuition for Chamber members is \$575.00; tuition for non-Chamber members is \$675. After you have been selected to participate in the program, payment is due. *(You may opt to pay in full or pay 50% of tuition in October, 25% in November and 25% in December. Payment in full is expected by December 1, 2020.)*

2021 Class Schedule:

All sessions are on Fridays from approximately 8 am to 5 pm, with the following exceptions: Arts & Culture Day and Graduation Ceremonies which will be evening events.

Please mark these dates on your calendar **NOW**.

(Please be advised that there is always the possibility of unforeseen conflicts that might cause calendar adjustments.)

Participants are expected to commit to and attend all sessions and conduct themselves in a professional manner. Attendance is defined as all-day attendance, including lunch, at the appropriate times and locations. Attendance logs will be kept. **Participants who miss more than two (2) sessions will be ineligible to graduate;** however, participants may make up the necessary sessions in the leadership program the following year and will then be awarded their graduate status upon completion of the make-up days. Tuition refunds will not be issued. Participation in the class project is also essential as well as a commitment to assist with at least one session in the next year's leadership program. *Please initial to indicate that you understand the above requirements:* _____

initials

December 4, 2020

SIMSOC

Mandatory participation required this day only!

January 8, 2021

February 12, 2021

February 24, 2021

evening

March 12, 2021

April 9, 2021

May 14, 2021

June 11, 2021

July 9, 2021

August 27, 2021

graduation

I understand the goals and commitments of the Leadership North Port Program. If selected, I will devote the time required to successfully complete the program, class project (a project that makes a contribution to the community) and commit to participate in planning a "day" for the successive class. I understand tuition is due upon my affirmation of acceptance. My employer supports my application to the program.

Signature

Date

Leadership North Port
Engaging, Developing, and Inspiring Community Leaders
Confidential Application – Class of 2021

Program Purpose:

Leadership North Port is a series of city-wide programs designed to enhance participant's awareness of our community and its needs by examining how leadership in the historical, geographical, educational, economic, governmental and cultural segments work together to perpetuate and advance the North Port community and its citizens.

The program is also designed to nurture and engage the leadership skills of potential and current leaders by providing an atmosphere that stimulates and fosters diverse viewpoints, resulting in innovative answers to the critical questions facing our community. The program strives to create awareness and to connect leaders with issues; it is not an academic leadership training program. Further, the program is not political and does not recommend or advocate policy positions on public matters.

Program Objectives:

- To identify and inspire future and current community leaders.
- To develop leadership skills and qualities of participants through in-depth views of the city.
- To stimulate communication among present and future leaders.
- To assist those already in leadership roles to increase their access to additional positions of community leadership in an informed and responsible manner.
- To motivate and encourage participants to assume leadership roles in community affairs.

Program Information:

- Application to Leadership North Port is open to persons who live or work in the North Port area.
- Leadership North Port is committed to having a diverse and dynamic membership.
- Applicants must have the full support of the company or organization by which they are employed.
- Attendance at every session is expected. Those who are absent more than two (2) class days may forfeit their membership in the class without refund of tuition. Sessions are all day (i.e. 8-5) with the exception of Arts & Culture Day, which is an evening event.

Instructions/Selection:

Applications must be submitted on official application form. Secure a paper form in person at the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce, on-line (www.northportareachamber.com), by e-mail (info@northportareachamber.com), or call the Chamber office at (941) 564-3040.

- Limit answers to the space provided.
- Attach one letter of recommendation.
- Applications must be fully completed (including letter of recommendation) and signed by the applicant.
- All applications are subject to a confidential review process.
- Selected applicants will receive an acceptance letter, after which tuition payment must be made by the appointed date stated in the letter.

Selection Criteria:

The Leadership North Port class shall be selected on the following criteria:

- Individual qualifications and not that of their employer.
- Representation from the greatest breadth of diversity in all socio-economic areas.
- Demonstrated ability to set and achieve personal and professional goals.
- Demonstrated personal commitment to the North Port community and society in general.
- A commitment to the time required by the program.
- A commitment to be a responsible and engaged participant.
- A commitment to participate in assisting with a session for the next year's Leadership North Port class.
- Applicants that are selected will be notified before October 1, 2020.

Announced candidates for public office may not "campaign" and/or use class time to promote their candidacy in any way. Submission of an application does not guarantee placement.

**Applications must be received by 5:00 pm on
Friday, September 25, 2020.**

Employment:

Present Employer _____

Type of Business or Organization _____ Start Date _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ E-Mail Address _____

What is your current responsibility with the employer and/or organization? _____

List previous employment from past (5) years (include dates):

Employer _____ Dates _____

Employer _____ Dates _____

Employer _____ Dates _____

Employer _____ Dates _____

Employer _____ Dates _____

Education: *Begin with highest attained degree.*

School Location _____ Degree Attained _____

School Location _____ Degree Attained _____

School Location _____ Degree Attained _____

List special awards and/or honors in work or education: _____

What specific skills/knowledge do you hope to gain from your participation in Leadership North Port? _____

What qualities will you bring to the program? _____

Describe one important personal or professional goal you hope to attain within the next five years. _____

Describe how you have demonstrated a leadership role in your personal and/or professional life. _____

Community Activity: *(Please limit answers to the space provided)*

What has made you the kind of person who cares about our community? _____

What do you see as the biggest challenges/opportunities facing the North Port area today? _____

What volunteer organization/activities are you currently involved? If new to the area, in what have you previously been involved?

Organization _____ Position/Office _____
Describe responsibility and/or accomplishments: _____

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What types of volunteer activities would you like to become involved with in the future? _____

Is your company a current Chamber member? __ Yes __ No

Final checklist:

- Application typed or printed with all questions answered in the space provided.
- Application signed and dated.
- One letter of recommendation attached.
- Mail or Deliver to:
 Leadership North Port
 c/o: North Port Area Chamber of Commerce
 1337 N. Sumter Boulevard
 North Port, FL 34286
- E-Mail: info@northportareachamber.com

**DEADLINE for receipt of completed application to the Chamber:
Friday, September 25, 2020 by 5:00 pm**