

# LEADERSHIP

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## M C L E A N C O U N T Y

### **I. Mission & Purpose**

The mission of Leadership McLean County is to develop community leaders by cultivating skills, awareness, and engagement through intentional learning experiences for the continual betterment of McLean County.

The program identifies emerging leaders to protect the tradition of strong leadership for our community on a continuing basis by:

1. Developing informed, skilled and vigorous leadership capable of understanding community, organizational, and corporate issues, interpreting facts related to the issues and influencing decisions based upon these facts;
2. Preparing a number of committed individuals to assume responsible positions with non-profit, civic, citizen, and corporate organizations within the community; and
3. Providing participants with a broad understanding of public issues, workings of state and local government, civic challenges facing all of us, and the role the community and organizations play in problem solving.

LMC initiates its programs and projects in concert with the mission and vision of the McLean County Chamber of Commerce –McLean County Chamber of Commerce Shall Strengthen Your Business by Uniting Organizations to Promote and Facilitate a Healthy Business Climate.

### **II. Selection Criteria**

Participation in Leadership McLean County is open to individuals who reside, work, or spend a majority of volunteer time in McLean County and are employed by a member of the McLean County Chamber of Commerce. Forty participants and up to four alternates are selected annually for the program. Selection occurs in a two round format, with the application serving as the first round and the second round consisting of interviews.

The timeline for the selection process is as follows:

- Applications due - May 28
- Applicants notified of invitation to interview June 25
- Interviews July
- All participants notified of their status via USPS - August 2 (Letters mailed this date)
- All participants' acceptance due - August 20

### **III. Attendance and Task Force Participation Policy**

Leadership McLean County class members are expected to attend all sessions in their entirety and participate in all activities related to the program including group projects, and community activity assignments. The privilege of acceptance into the program carries a substantial responsibility to be present and punctual to all Leadership McLean programs and activities.

All class members must notify the Class Facilitator in advance if they are unable to attend a specific Day Session in its entirety. Non-participation in group projects and other outside activities could jeopardize a class member's graduation.

If a class member misses any or all of one Leadership McLean County session, the Class Facilitator will note the absence. If a class member misses any or all of a second session, review of the absence by the Leadership McLean County Steering Committee occurs with the possibility of removal an option and notification of absence sent to the financing body of the class member. A third absence of any or all of a day will result in immediate removal from Leadership McLean County.

At the conclusion of Leadership McLean County, the members of the Task Force will grant each participant of the Task Force a pass/fail grade based on their overall performance with respect to attendance, assignments, and roles in the Task Force. This grade, along with any comments will become part of the class member's portfolio.

#### **IV. Program Schedule**

Unless otherwise stated all programs will begin no earlier than 7:30am and end no later than 5:00pm.

- September 23 & 24 – Opening Retreat (not overnight)
- October 8 – Agriculture Day
- October 22 – Diversity Day
- November 5 – Criminal Justice Day
- November 19 – Social Service Day
- December 10 – Downtown Development
- January 7 – Leadership Development
- January 21 – Healthcare
- February 2 Government Day
- February 18 – Education Day
- March 4 – Business in McLean County
- March 11 and 18 – Make up dates (if needed)
- April 1 – Alumni Breakfast /Task Force Group Presentations
- April 15 – Alumni Breakfast/Class Graduation

In addition to attendance at the above Day Programs, participants are required to complete several Extra-Curricular Activities and a Task Force Group Project (to be presented at a public forum on April 1)

#### **V. Tuition/Scholarships**

Tuition for Leadership McLean County is \$1000. Tuition is due in full by August 31; class members will not be allowed participation until payment is received. Tuition covers all costs associated with the program, which include – but are not limited to - meals, refreshments, buses, materials, and mailings.

Partial scholarships are available for individuals who show a need. A separate scholarship application must be obtained from Brian Davis, McLean County Chamber of Commerce ([brian@mcleancochamber.org](mailto:brian@mcleancochamber.org)) and submitted by the July 6 application deadline. Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than Friday, August 10.

#### **VI. Tuition Refund Policy**

Should you withdraw from the program, the McLean County Chamber of Commerce will refund a portion of your tuition, when requested in writing, per the following schedule:

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| • August 2 – August 31, 2010       | 100% of tuition will be refunded |
| • September 1 – September 10, 2010 | 50% of tuition will be refunded  |
| • After September 10, 2010         | No tuition will be refunded      |

Exceptions to the refund policy are for medical and critical personal emergencies. Requests for refunds shall be evaluated by the McLean County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director. A surcharge to cover administrative expenses may be assessed in the case of the approval of an exception to the Tuition Refund Policy.

### **Class of 2011 - Application**

The Leadership McLean County Class of 2011 application begins on the next page. Please note the following instructions to complete the application.

We request applications please be completed in electronic form. If this is not possible, please contact Brian Davis of the McLean County Chamber of Commerce to discuss alternate submission.

If you have any questions please email or call Brian Davis, [brian@mcleancochamber.org](mailto:brian@mcleancochamber.org) or 309-829-6344.