



CHAMBER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL FIRST FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER

PURPOSE

Leadership Shelby County was created to increase the quality and quantity of men and women capable of accepting leadership roles in varied community organizations. Participants are exposed to a variety of social and economic issues facing our area. This awareness helps develop informed, civic-oriented leaders who are interested in helping direct the future of Shelby County.

PROGRAM

The Chamber Leadership Program consists of 10 sessions (mostly full day, a couple of ½ day sessions) held one day a month from September through June, typically the third Thursday of each month. The sessions are held at various locations in Shelby County that best relate to the topic. During each session, participants are introduced to issues by means of panels, lectures, tours, group discussions and simulations. In each case, the program is designed to address specific areas rather than vague concepts.

PARTICIPANTS

Participants are selected in an objective process with information presented on a completed program application. Selection criteria are:

- Motivation and commitment to serve the community
- Demonstrated leadership qualities
- An interest in participating in community projects upon completion of the series

NOTE: The maximum capacity for each year's class is 25. Participants are required to attend the **entire day of all sessions** to graduate. Missed sessions must be made up within two years after the initial program year.

As part of the program, participants serve an internship with a local non-profit or governmental group. Selection and placement are made after the first Leadership session in September. Those currently serving on an active board may submit a written request (email) to be excused from the internship requirement.

The topics covered in the Leadership program are: Leadership Development; Local History and Geography; Economic Development; Law Enforcement, Fire & Rescue; Education; Human Services; Media; Health Services; Local Government; Agriculture.

TUITION

If accepted in the Leadership Shelby County program, each participant (or participant's sponsor or company) will be billed for the tuition fee of \$300.00 for program costs. There is partial financial assistance available in applicable situations.

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LEADERSHIP SIDNEY-SHELBY COUNTY APPLICATION

NAME: _____

Home Address: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

EMPLOYMENT

Present Employer: _____

Business Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Business Phone: _____

Present Title or Responsibility: _____ Since (Date): _____

How many days per month does your work require you to be out of the city/county? _____

We must ask that participants commit to attend all ten Leadership Shelby County courses in their entirety. Are you and/or your employer willing to make such a commitment of your time?

Yes _____ No _____

Absenteeism may result in being dropped from the course. If you are unable to make a commitment, it may not be in your best interest to apply at this time.

EDUCATION

Begin with high school, then college(s), business or trade schools and/or other specialized training.

High School _____

Dates From _____ - To _____

College/Trade School Education _____

Degree/Major _____

Extracurricular Activities and Special Honors or Awards for Leadership Activities

Special Awards, Honors, Prizes for Academic Performance

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

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

Organization	Approximate Date of Membership	Position Held
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

What have you accomplished in these areas that you believe is important?

How much time each month do you commit to community, civic, professional and other organizations and activities?

Have you been as active as you would like? Yes _____ No _____

If no, what have been the major barriers to your becoming involved?

If you have not previously had the time to be involved, what conditions have changed that now enables you to seek involvement in the community?

GENERAL INFORMATION

How long have you lived in Shelby County? _____ Years If not a native, why did you move to Shelby County? _____

How would you describe your knowledge of community affairs?
Poor _____ Fair _____ Good _____ Excellent _____

How would you describe your activity in community affairs?
Poor _____ Fair _____ Good _____ Excellent _____

Would you accept a position on a board or committee which required you to be away from your home one evening each month? Yes _____ No _____

Does your job afford you the opportunity to attend board or committee meetings during an extended lunch period or during late afternoon working hours? Yes _____ No _____

If you were to be considered an expert or advisor in one particular field, what would that field be?

What motivated you to take the Leadership Shelby County course?

Please describe your personal goals for serving the community.

INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENT

Participants are required to serve a three-meeting internship as a non-voting member of a local community service, non-profit board. This internship will be served concurrent with the Chamber Leadership Program year from September through June. If chosen to be a Participant, you will be given an opportunity to pick your first, second and third internship choices from a supplied list of available boards. You will also be given dates and times of regular board meetings so your selection can appropriately fit your schedule. You may be excused from the internship requirement if you are actively serving on a non-profit or governmental board, council or commission. Requests to be excused must be submitted to the Chamber Vice President prior to the September session.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications must be received at the Sidney-Shelby County Chamber of Commerce by the first Friday in September. Maximum participant number is 25. Applicants will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance by the following Monday.

All applications are subject to confidential evaluations by the Chamber of Commerce Vice President, President and Board of Directors.

TUITION - \$300.00 per person

My tuition will be paid by: Employer _____ Myself _____ Third Party _____

Please list third party name and address:

I am seeking partial financial assistance _____ (a form will be mailed to you)

Signature of Applicant:

Signature of Employer:

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

Sidney-Shelby County Chamber of Commerce

Attention: Dawn R. Eilert

101 South Ohio Avenue, Floor 2

Sidney, Ohio 45365

or

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