

LEADERSHIP VENTURA

Sponsored by the Ventura Commerce & Education Foundation

Leadership Ventura Class Application Instructions



Purpose of Leadership Ventura

Leadership Ventura seeks applicants who desire to enhance their leadership potential, increase their knowledge of the community and are willing to commit their individual talents for future years toward the betterment of the community of Ventura. A successful candidate should possess a passion for self-improvement with the goal of assisting others. Candidates will learn leadership methods that enhance current skill levels and skills to motivate others. Leadership Ventura has been designed to inspire Ventura area citizens to achieve higher levels of leadership responsibility. The two year opportunity provides participants with the necessary information to understand the complexities of the Ventura community. In addition, the program will provide students with the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with current community leaders. Participants will discuss, explore and learn about topics such as leadership dynamics, government, education, law, agribusiness, economic development, health and the arts. Graduates of the program include individuals from a wide cross-section of the Ventura community, including representatives from both large and small businesses.

Applicant Qualifications

Applicant must have:

- A minimum of 60 hours of college credits or three years of work experience in a leadership capacity or equivalent
- A desire for self-improvement and a willingness and dedication to complete the two year program.
- A flexible schedule that allows applicant time during business hours to attend a minimum of 10 full days through the first year for monthly classes and activities.
- Ability to devote time on weekends and/or evenings to work on team projects.

Commitment

Participants attend an estimated 10 full-day class sessions held on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Additionally, class members will take part in planning and completing a community project during their first year with the program. Participants will attend a mandatory two-day retreat in January, and attend four Chambers or approved community events. In order to advance to the second year of the program, no more than one day may be missed. A missed day may be made up through various assigned activities. Missing two hours out of a day will be considered a missed day.

Tuition

Leadership Ventura is an educational program sponsored by the Ventura Commerce & Education Foundation, a nonprofit organization. Tuition is due before the start of the first class. Ventura Chamber accepts payments via check, Visa or MasterCard. Tuition is a tax-deductible.

Selection of Participants

The Leadership Ventura Steering Committee is charged with selecting a diverse group for each yearly class. Membership or past involvement with the Ventura Chamber of Commerce or Ventura Commerce and Education Foundation does not ensure acceptance in the program.

Application Deadline

The application deadline for enrollment is two weeks prior to the first class. Appointments for personal interviews will be made before the start of class, with class member selection made immediately thereafter.

To ensure your enrollment, please complete the application and submit it along with your tuition payment as soon as possible. Only a limited number of participants are accepted each year. Please complete the attached application. All applications will be handled in the strictest of confidence. To assist in the selection process, please type or print legibly.

Leadership Ventura Application



Selection for Leadership Ventura is a two-step process. First, all applications submitted before the deadline will be reviewed by a selection panel. Second, interviews will be held before the advisory board. Applicants will then be notified of their status approximately two weeks before the start of class.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Current Employer: _____ Self Employed Yes No

Current Position: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Whom may we thank for referring you to the program or how did you hear about it? _____

Please identify and discuss a particular issue, opportunity or problem crucial to Ventura as a community. Describe the process you believe could lead to a successful solution.

EDUCATION AND ORGANIZATION BACKGROUND

Provide highlights from your educational, civic, professional and business background or activities you have been involved in during the past five years:

Please list volunteer and organization experience you have gained:

List dates and positions you held along with the organization name:

Please list any special recognition or awards you may have received:

How much will you be involved in the community next year?

Same as Today More Time Less Time

What do you hope to achieve by participating in Leadership Ventura?

REFERENCES

Please provide the names of three (3) businesses and/or professional references who can be contacted by the screening committee.

Name: _____ Company: _____ Tel: _____

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TUITION

Tuition for each participant in Leadership Ventura is \$995.

Please check how your tuition will be paid. _____ Employer _____ Personal _____ Other (*please specify*)

This tuition is due before the start of the first class.

COMMITMENT AND PARTICIPATION EXPECTATIONS

Full participation by each individual is required. Please mark your initials on the spaces below indicating your understanding and agreement with the following participation requirements:

_____ **Leadership Ventura is a two year opportunity:** First year as a classmate, second year participants will have the opportunity to serve on a committee and implement leadership techniques thru emotional intelligence strategies and skills gained from the first year.

_____ You must be on time and fully participate in the curriculum. Class sessions are from **7:00 AM -5:00 PM** on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Participants may only miss one full day session. Missing two hours or more will count as a full day absence.

_____ You must attend four (4) Chamber or Community events from a list that will be provided.

_____ Participants will recruit a minimum of one person for the next year's class.

_____ You must help select, plan and participate in the execution of a team project that benefits the community.

_____ Volunteer time is required to plan for and complete the selected team project. This often includes evenings and/or weekends. Individuals may expect to spend 20-50 hours completing the project.

_____ Participants must have their employers' approval to join Leadership Ventura, including the commitment and participation it requires which often conflicts with work schedules. This includes class sessions, retreat, field trips, volunteering on class projects and any meetings or commitments that may arise.

_____ To avoid conflicts of interest, participants understand that any non-profit organizations they serve will not be considered for their team's class project.

CLASS SCHEDULE

First Year

Retreat Date – Held on a Friday and Saturday – February 20 and February 21, 2015
March through October - **7:00 AM – 5:00 PM** the 4th Wednesday of the Month
November -- Half day wrap up retreat (Date TBD)
November – Graduation TBA

Second Year (Optional)

You will have the opportunity to put the leadership skills you learned during the first year to use by serving in some capacity on one of the Chamber of Commerce committees including but not limited to Ventura Commerce Education and Foundation. As a member of one of the committees you will be involved in event organizing, planning, strategy sessions and other committee responsibilities.

Privacy Notice

Initial to show your understanding and acceptance.

_____ A list of class participants will be provided to each **class member**, which includes your phone number, employer and e-mail address. Initial here to indicate your consent or leave this blank to keep your personal information private from your class. Your class must have a means to contact you for your project.

_____ Leadership Ventura will to the extent feasible maintain confidentiality of your personal information. Your *business* information will be provided to program sponsors, our alumni association, class facilitators and speakers. Additionally, your progress in the program may be made available to your sponsor or employer.

Permission To Use Your Image

Initial to grant permission to use your image and voice.

_____ I hereby give permission to use my voice and/or image, whether video, photography, audio recording, digital or other format in the advertising, promotion or discussion of the Leadership Ventura program. Initial to indicate your consent or leave blank to if you do not want this information to be used.

Acceptance

Your signature below indicates your understanding and acceptance of the requirements for participation in the Leadership Ventura program.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Employer or Sponsor: Applicants to the Leadership Ventura program must have the support of their sponsoring organizations or employer (if different) and agree to provide the program at least one full day per month away from work for the first year, a two day retreat and monthly meetings during the first and second year. Your signature here indicates your understanding and acceptance of the requirements listed previously.

Signature of Employer or Sponsor

Title

Date

Submission Process:

Please return your completed application to the Ventura Chamber of Commerce in person or by mail to:

Leadership Ventura
Vadim Simakov
505 Poli Street # 2
Ventura, Ca. 93001

For more information please contact Vadim Simakov at vsimakov@ventura-chamber.org at the Ventura Chamber of Commerce or call (805) 643-7222 or call the Committee Chair Lola Herrera at (805) 612-5868. Contributions are tax deductible. <http://www.VenturaChamber.com>