



# Leadership Charlotte APPLICATION 2022

A program of the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce



Government Day

The Leadership Charlotte program brings together 25 individuals who wish to increase their leadership skills and gain a better understanding of the opportunities and challenges in our community. Participants in Leadership Charlotte commit to attending 10 day-long sessions over a nine-month period, as well as participating in the selected class project.



Environmental Day

Leadership Charlotte begins with an evening orientation followed by a full-day workshop entitled "Simulated Society," an enlightening experience.

Course requirements for graduation include mandatory attendance at the "Simulated Society" session (Friday, October 22). Attendance is also expected at each of the day-long sessions unless one is excused for special circumstances. No more than two absences are permitted to meet graduation requirements.

The Leadership Charlotte program began in 1988 and now has approximately 800 graduates who, together as alumni, continue to lead many of the community service efforts in Charlotte County. Alumni include bankers, clergy, lawyers, paralegals, accountants, small business owners, educators, realtors, artists, sales managers . . . the list goes on and on.

The day-long sessions focus on the environment and agriculture, government, education, arts and humanities, health care, media and communication, local economy, tourism, and justice.

*I joined Leadership Charlotte hoping to build relationships with other professionals in our community and to learn a little about the history of Charlotte County. Well, I have done that and a whole lot more. The time we spent together interacting with each other and working together allowed us to understand each other and become much closer than I expected. I have learned things about Charlotte County that I would have never known without the Leadership Charlotte program. The bottom line is that it is a fantastic program and it is well worth everything you put into it.*

Steve Muse,  
Edward Jones

*Leadership has connected me to this community in ways I would never have guessed. I have learned so much about our great community and resources; discovered many unique and wonderful treasures that call Charlotte County home. We truly live in a dynamic and amazing place! My greatest experience by far has been the people. I have met so many wonderful people in the community, on the bus, at each of our visits, but none as close and wonderful as my classmates. These are bonds of friendships that will last forever. Leadership is truly one of the most impactful experiences of my life. I am so blessed by this incredible opportunity.*

Beckie Halaska  
Tidewell Hospice, Inc.



Health Care Day



Simulated Society

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# Leadership Charlotte Confidential Application

- Selection of Leadership Charlotte participants is anonymous and is based solely upon the answers to the questions on this application, so please be thoughtful and sincere.
- There is special emphasis on seating a representative group of persons involved in a variety of businesses, professions, government and community service.
- Class size is limited to 25 students.
- Participants are selected through an anonymous process. Try to avoid revealing your identity through your answers to the questions.

**The third page of this document contains nine questions. Please answer every question completely. You may provide your answers here or submit them with your application as a separate attachment.**

**Completed applications may be emailed to Janet Caffee, Information Coordinator, at [jcaffee@charlottecountychamber.org](mailto:jcaffee@charlottecountychamber.org) or returned to the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce at 2702 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952.**

**The application deadline is 4:00 p.m., Friday, August 6, 2021.**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Do you reside in Charlotte County? \_\_\_\_\_ If "yes," for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied to Leadership Charlotte before? \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male

I understand the purpose of the Leadership Charlotte program and, if I am selected, I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the program, including my participation in the class project. I understand the attendance requirements and have the full support of my employer for the time required to participate. I hereby commit that, if selected, I will use the knowledge acquired and relationships developed in Leadership Charlotte for the good of the entire community by becoming, or continuing to be, actively engaged in civic and community work, including with the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce.

Program participants must be members of, or employed by members of, the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce, and membership dues must be current. Cost of the program is \$595 and is payable at the time of acceptance. Half scholarships may be available. If needed, please advise when applying.

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Leadership Charlotte is an amazing experience for those who have lived in Charlotte County a few months or their whole life. I have found it to be extremely rewarding; learning all that our great town has to offer with a "behind the scenes" focus. This perspective will allow me to better contribute to my community with a new perspective and a collaborative attitude. Thank you Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce for providing the opportunity to learn and grow as leaders in our beautiful community!*

Erin Gant  
Riverside Realty Services

*The Leadership Charlotte program provides an expansive and in-depth view of the various business and governmental sectors of Charlotte County. The program allows members to get out of their normal "bubble" and meet and interact with new service providers and County resources they never knew existed and ultimately become better stewards of this great community.*

Katie Wallace, Court Administration,  
20th Judicial Circuit

**1** Tell us about yourself, such as employment history, extracurricular activities, education and special interests.

**2** During your business career, what do you consider your most significant contribution or achievement?

**3** List, in order of importance to you, as many as five community, civic, professional, business, or other organizations in which you are or have been a member, and include number of years as a member and offices held.

**4** To date, what do you consider your most significant community contribution?

**5** How much time each month do you commit to community, civic, professional and other organizations and activities in Charlotte County?

**6** Describe an important ambition in your life. Tell what you hope to accomplish or achieve and what position you hope to attain.

**7** What do you consider to be your major strengths and qualifications for participation in the Leadership Charlotte program?

**8** Describe your reason for wanting to participate in Leadership Charlotte. What benefits to the community do you feel are likely to result from your participation in Leadership Charlotte?

**9** Write a paragraph discussing one specific problem that you have observed within Charlotte County. Make one suggestion for assisting with this problem by either yourself or the Leadership Charlotte class as a class project.