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

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Christine Carey, Valerie's House

The Leadership Charlotte program brings together no more than 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 attend monthly day-long sessions, as well as participate in whatever class project they select.

*Leadership Charlotte has been a great experience- I have connected with many outstanding leaders in the community and have created long lasting friendships. As a lifetime resident of Charlotte County, this program has exposed me to the true uniqueness of our community and has really shined a light on the amazing resources and organizations that contribute to the place we call home.*

Nicole Peet, Farr Law Firm

Course requirements for graduation include mandatory attendance at the "Simulated Society" session (Friday, October 21). Attendance is also expected at each of the monthly sessions, unless one is excused for special circumstances. No more than two absences permitted to meet graduation requirements.



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*Leadership Charlotte has allowed me to make personal and professional contacts that have been invaluable. I have gained a greater understanding and depth of our community to which I call home and love.*

Becca Eldredge, Loveland Center



Government Day

The Leadership Charlotte program began in 1988 and now has approximately 825 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.

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

To apply, follow the directions on the inside. For more information, call 941-627-2222.

*No matter if you have been here for a short time or spent your whole life here, Leadership Charlotte will open you up to new connections and businesses in the community you've probably never thought of. The power of developing your network and circle cannot be underestimated as you never know when one day, you'll wish you had a contact for some need and then you can say, hey I met someone in Leadership Charlotte that can help me. I've had so much fun on the different day trips experiencing things we wouldn't otherwise think to explore. Visiting camps, court, custom home builders, helicopters, jail, and fight fires are just some of the highlights.*

Ryan Lybeck, Ambitrans Ambulance

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# APPLICATION 2023



A program of  
the Charlotte County  
Chamber of Commerce



# 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 twenty-five students.
- Participants are selected through an anonymous process. Try to avoid revealing your identity through your answers to the questions.

*The leadership class is a great experience to quickly get acquainted with the facts and circumstances of life in Charlotte County. I learned a lot more about the background of how Charlotte County operates. It gave me an opportunity to gain a much better understanding of everything you need to know about our community. It is a great experience and a good feeling to be involved in nonprofit opportunities. I wouldn't want to miss the new friends I've developed.*

Rose Askew-Hergenhan

**Please answer the following nine questions thoroughly as your answers will have a direct impact on your acceptance into the program. Please type your answers on plain sheets of paper. Number your answers to correspond with the questions and staple your answers to this form for submission.**

- 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.

**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 monthly 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 \_\_\_\_\_

— Please print or type. —

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nick Name \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

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

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

**The application deadline is 4:00 p.m., Friday, August 5, 2022.** Return completed application to:

Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce, 2702 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952, 941-627-2222.

Completed applications may be emailed to Janet Caffee at [jcaffee@charlottecountychamber.org](mailto:jcaffee@charlottecountychamber.org), or faxed to 941-627-9730.