



Community Service Day

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 helped me to understand how to better serve my community"
Rae Ann Antonucci –
Restoration Bar



Government Day

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

Leadership Charlotte has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my professional career. Not only you get to meet the amazing people behind what makes Charlotte County great but also get to participate, learn and share ideas about what is going on in our community.
Michelle Maldonado, Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center

During my career I have had the opportunity to participate in an array of different leadership type classes. This one, by far exceed the rest. I am so happy that I had the opportunity to learn about our county."
Cindy Marsh Tichy – Coldwell Banker Sunstar Realty

Course requirements for graduation include mandatory attendance at the "Simulated Society" session (Friday, October 27). 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.



Environmental & Agriculture Day

You don't really know Charlotte County until you have been through this class. This is such a great community and I did not realize all the programs and what the county had to offer. You not only learn about Charlotte County you also build incredible relationships. What an amazing experience!
Kris Proudfoot, Centennial Bank

The Leadership Charlotte program began in 1988 and now has approximately 850 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.

I have lived and worked in this community over 35 years. Leadership Charlotte provided me opportunities to see in-depth city and county infrastructures, of which I would have never seen. The experience and memories are unmeasurable! I strongly recommend this opportunity.
Tonya Blair, The Nix Team, Coldwell Banker Sunstar Realty

Leadership Charlotte has been an eye-opening experience! I truly had no idea how many resources we have in our community - being able to visit so many of them and get a behind the scenes look at how our county runs has been so informative and rewarding. I have met people that I would likely not have met otherwise and have made lifelong friends. I am so thankful for this opportunity and would highly recommend it to everyone.
Gemma Schaefer, CPP, Gemma Schaefer Photography

Leadership Charlotte has taught me so much about our community and introduced me to so many incredible movers, shakers, and innovators who work tirelessly to make Charlotte County a great place to live and work."
Caitlyn R. Shield Waksler, Esq. - Oliver Law, PLLC

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APPLICATION 2024



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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, sincere, and comprehensive.*
- *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.*

Leadership Charlotte has been an amazing experience. I've had the opportunity to learn more about different facets of our county throughout this program than I have in the more than twenty years I've lived here. One of the most enlightening things for me was seeing our tax dollars being put to work in ways I wasn't even aware. However, the best thing I've walked away with are the lasting friendships I've built with people I may not have met otherwise. I'd recommend applying to Leadership Charlotte. .
Beth Sargent, Premier Sotheby's International Realty

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 \$695 and is payable at the time of acceptance. Half scholarships may be available. If needed, please advise when applying. **There is a \$50.00 application fee; if accepted, the fee will be applied towards the tuition balance (Submit with application).**

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 4, 2023. Return completed application and fee 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.