



“The Emerging Excellence of Hernando County”

Confidential Application for Interview

➤ **Instructions**

- Application must be typed or printed legibly in blue or black ink.
- Electronic applications **will not** be accepted.
- Cover letter must be included.
- Each section must be completed.
- Please attach additional sheets as necessary.
- Applications must be submitted no later than **October 29, 2021** (postmarked or hand delivered)
- The application must be returned in an envelope marked “**Confidential**” to:

Leadership Hernando - Class of 2022
Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce
15588 Aviation Loop Drive
Brooksville, FL 34604

➤ **Selection Process & Criteria**

Leadership Hernando seeks to identify those individuals most likely to utilize their leadership abilities for the long term benefit of Hernando County. Approximately twenty (20) individuals will be selected to participate in the program following an interview process by the selection committee. Since the number of appointments to **Leadership Hernando** is limited, applicants who are not selected are encouraged to reapply in subsequent years.

Leadership Hernando students are selected based on the following criteria:

- Live or work in Hernando County
- Have the full support of the organization, corporation or company they represent
- Have a sincere commitment, motivation and interest to serve the community
- Have the commitment and motivation to utilize their leadership abilities for the long-term benefit of Hernando County
- Are interested in seeking, or intend to seek, public office, boards, commissions or key volunteer roles
- Have potential opportunities for advancement to top leadership positions within their organizations
- Represents all segments of the community
- Have a commitment to play a personal role in helping to shape Hernando County’s future
- Have a professional appearance and demeanor

The program strives for classes that represent the geographic, occupational, gender, ethnic and other diversities of our area which includes public, not for profit, private, large and small businesses.

Additional questions may be addressed to Linda Campo, Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce

Information Specialist at info@hernandochamber.com

➤ **Leadership Hernando Applicant Information**

Full Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____

City State Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Is your company a Chamber Member? ____ Yes ____ No

Home Address: _____

City State Zip: _____

Cell Phone _____ **# of years as Hernando County Resident:** _____

Hobbies/Interests: _____

Emergency Contact:	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Relationship</i>

Why are you applying for Leadership Hernando? _____

Describe your personality in three sentences or less. Then list one unusual or “fun” fact about yourself.

In your judgement, what are the three greatest challenges facing Hernando County today? Give any recommendations for approaching and/or resolving these issues (use additional paper if necessary).

Are you a registered voter in Hernando County? ____ Yes ____ No

Name one other thing you want the Steering Committee to know about you and why you should be chosen for this year's Leadership Hernando Class.

Do you have any dietary needs or restrictions? _____

Any allergies? _____

Do you require any special accommodations? _____

➤ **Education** *(Include highest level of education and/or specialized training)*

Name and Location of School Date (from-to)

Degree/Major

Extracurricular Activities/Leadership Positions/Awards

➤ **Employment**

Present Employer: _____

Type of Business: _____ How long: _____

Job Title: _____

Briefly describe your current job: _____

List previous employment in reverse chronological order for past 5 years (add additional sheets if necessary)

<i>Employer</i>	<i>Title/Responsibility From/To</i>
_____	_____
_____	_____

What do you consider your highest professional achievement?

➤ **Community Service/ Professional Affiliations**

List community, civic, professional, religious, social, athletic and any other business organizations/clubs of which you are/have been a member of, in order of their value to you, during the past 10 years.

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Position Held/Contribution</i>	<i>Period of Affiliation</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

What do you consider your most important accomplishment in one of the organizations? Why?

On average, how much time each month do you commit to volunteer work? _____

What kinds of additional volunteer activities would you like to become active with in the future?

If you have not previously had the time or interest to become actively involved, what conditions have changed that now enables you to seek involvement in your community?

➤ *References*

1) Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Business: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____

2) Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Business: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____

3) Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Business: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____

➤ **Tuition**

The cost is inclusive of all seminar materials, field trips, refreshments, transportation, meals, and the graduation ceremony. If accepted into **Leadership Hernando**, you/your employer will be billed for the tuition fee which is due upon receipt of the invoice. ****Please note that tuition for Leadership Hernando will increase next year.**

Tuition Fees for the Class of 2022:

- **\$695 for Chamber Members**
- **\$795 for non-Chamber Members**

Tuition Fees for the Class of 2023:

- **\$795 for Chamber Members**
- **\$895 for non-Chamber Members**

The tuition paid for Leadership Hernando experience may be tax deductible as a business expense, consult your tax advisor. Tuition must be paid prior to the start of the program or you will not be allowed to attend.

Partial scholarships may be available for non-profit organizations. Please submit a letter of need with this application.

➤ **Commitment**

Participants are expected to attend ALL 13 sessions each of which will last a full day (8am-5pm). To graduate, a participant must attend Orientation, SIMSOC, Team Building, and Graduation. Advanced notification (if you are not able to attend a partial or full day), excluding emergencies, must be submitted to Day Leader(s) at least 24 hours prior to class.

“I understand the purposes of the Leadership Hernando program, and, if I am selected, will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the program. I understand that even though emergencies do arise, any participant missing Orientation, SIMSOC, Team Building, or Graduation, or more than two program sessions for whatever reason, will not be allowed to graduate from the program and no portion of the tuition will be refunded. I agree to be bound by the above commitments by signing this application.”

Applicant Signature

Date

“I fully support this candidate’s application. I understand the Leadership Hernando time commitment as well as class schedule (including the 11 day sessions January to June, plus class orientation and graduation) for this employee should they be selected for the program. I understand that tuition must be paid prior to the start of the program.”

Employer/Supervisor Contact Name (print)

Date

Employer/Supervisor Signature