Program Application: Inaugural Class of 2022

Please review the application, gather your data and a saved copies of at least one letter of recommendation, and then proceed with the application process.

PURPOSE: To foster leadership potential in the local community to ensure the positive growth and development of the Louisa County Region.

OBJECTIVES:

- Encourage participants to develop the skills and access resources needed to provide the leadership to address community needs.
- Enhance an understanding of the complex issues facing the Louisa community through:
  - Educational programs designed to broaden knowledge of the area, and increase awareness of community processes, programs and problems.
  - Exposure to local government, economic, social and political organizations, as well as the local education system, businesses and non-profit organizations.
  - Introductions to community leaders and local decision makers.

SESSION SUMMARY:

- January 2022: Values Based Leadership 101, Self-Awareness, and Core Values
- February 2022: Receiving and Giving Feedback
- March 2022: Effective Communication and Values Based Conversations
- April 2022: Leadership and Influence
- May 2022: Leading Change, Managing with Courage, Dealing with Ambiguity
- June 2022: Program Reflection and Graduation

ATTENDANCE: Participants are expected to attend consistently and participate fully in all Leadership Louisa sessions. For the 2022 program there will be a total of 6 sessions January through June, with a graduation being included as part of the final session. Additional time will also be required for participation in a group project.

Taking into account that unanticipated emergency situations do arise, participants will be allowed, but not encouraged, to be absent from no more than one (1) scheduled class session. Participants must attend at least five (5) of the six (6) sessions in order to receive a Certificate of Graduation. **If you are unable to make the necessary time commitment, it is not in your best interest to apply at this time. Because of the required time commitment, the support of the participant’s employer is essential.**

TUITION: The tuition for the 2022 program year is $750 ($550 for Chamber members). A $25 non-refundable administration fee is required with the completed application. Tuition may be paid by either the participant or the employer.
**SELECTION CRITERIA/PROCESS:** Participation in Leadership Louisa is open to persons living and/or working in Louisa County or working for businesses serving the Louisa community. Additionally, in an effort to foster regional cooperation, one or more individuals may potentially be selected from respective neighboring localities. A maximum of twelve individuals will be selected for the 2022 program.

A clearly expressed interest in community service and engagement in the Louisa community is an essential program requirement. Additionally, the selection committee is committed to equal opportunity and seeks representation from a cross-section of the community: business, education, the arts, religion, government, community-based organizations, and ethnic and minority groups.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, November 12, 2021**

Individuals selected for the program will be notified by December 1, 2021. For additional information or questions, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 540-967-0944 or email info@louisachamber.org.

First Name: Last Name:

1. **Personal Information:**
   - Home Address:
   - Business Address:
   - Mobile Phone: Office Phone:
   - Email:

2. **Employment:**

   *Present Employer*
   - Business Name: Date of Hire:
   - Address: City/State:
   - Phone: Email:
   - Title: Immediate Supervisor:
   - Business Category:

3. **Education & Training:**
   - Name of School: Graduation Date: Degree/Major:
4. Community/Professional Involvement

Please list any community, civic, professional, business, religious, athletic, social, or other organizations of which you have been a member within the past 6 years.

Briefly describe your most significant accomplishment(s) or leadership opportunities from your involvement?

What community activities, other than those you have listed, would you be interested in learning more about or participating in?

In your opinion, what are two significant issues facing Louisa County? Please explain.

What is the reason that you wish to participate in the Leadership Louisa program?

Why do you think you should be selected to participate in the Leadership Louisa program?

Please submit at least one letter of recommendation from someone who is knowledgeable about your leadership performance and potential.

5. Financial Commitment

- Employer/Organization will fund
- Individual will fund
- Scholarship desired

Funding may be provided by the employer/organization, individual participant, or through scholarship financial assistance. A non-refundable $25 application fee is required with the application. The program tuition is due upon acceptance to the program. Tuition must be paid in full by January 14, 2022.

Applicant Signature