



Leadership Southern – 2016

Program Overview

Serving Boone, Lincoln, Logan, Mingo, McDowell, and Wyoming Counties.

Each person living in southern West Virginia has a stake in developing the region, solving its problems, and making it a good place to live, work and raise a family. For those things to happen, leadership is essential. Those who fill our region's leadership positions – in government, in education, in business and industry, in the arts, in the non-profit sector – must understand what leadership requires and the responsibilities it entails. They must have the ability to find and foster ties that will inspire change and growth. Leadership Southern is dedicated to the development of such leaders for our community.

Purpose and Objectives

Leadership Southern was created in 2015 to develop the talents, tap the energies and harness the resources of our region's emerging leaders. Leadership Southern participants are selected from Boone, Lincoln, Logan, Mingo, McDowell, and Wyoming Counties in southern West Virginia. Each participant must be dedicated to enthusiastic participation in the program and have a record of community involvement.

By the end of the Leadership Southern experience participants will have an increased sense of regional collaboration among future leaders; they will build a network of leaders that feel comfortable discussing common issues across county lines. Graduates will be able to identify and recognize future leaders with an emphasis on their value to the economic success of the region, as well as development of current leadership through their dialogue and sharing of knowledge in these classes.

By helping establish the premiere leadership training vehicle in the region, this organization will have sustainability and viability for years to come and will be an integral part of our region's growth prospects.

Program

Leadership Southern consists of six monthly sessions, and a graduation dinner beginning in June and continuing through December. The format is similar to those of leadership programs that have been successful in states and communities across the nation. Each session is organized around a theme and is explored through speakers, discussions, field trips and other activities. Holding sessions at different locations throughout southern West Virginia is a key component of the program. Following is a list of tentative dates, topics, and locations.

Dates (tentative)

June 21, 2016	July 12, 2016	August 9, 2016
September 13, 2016	October 11, 2016	November 15, 2016

Topics (tentative)

Natural Resources	Tourism	Small Business and Entrepreneurship
Health and Wellness	Education	Community Development

Counties

Boone	Lincoln	Logan
Mingo	McDowell	Wyoming

Tuition and Funding

If accepted into the program, each participant will be billed a tuition fee of \$50. The fee covers program costs as well as meal expenses for all sessions. Prior to the first session, the fee is refundable minus a 20 percent handling charge. After the first session is conducted, the fee is nonrefundable. Partial tuition assistance is available in some circumstances.

Attendance

Leadership Southern requires participants to commit to attendance at all six monthly sessions, and the graduation dinner. Participants will be permitted to graduate if one session is missed, provided a legitimate reason is presented to the Leadership Southern Steering Committee. When two sessions are missed, participants will not be allowed to graduate.

Application

Men and women who have leadership potential and a record of community involvement or desire to become involved through their work, civic, or volunteer activities are encouraged to apply. Individuals, organizations and companies also may make nominations. Once nominated, a Leadership Southern application will be sent to a nominee. A committee composed of members of Leadership Southern's Steering Committee will select class participants. Applications for the program must be received by **THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016.**

Leadership Southern does not discriminate on the basis of gender, disability, age, race, national origin, religion, veteran status, or sexual orientation. It encourages applications from members of all of the diverse communities that are part southern West Virginia.

To receive an application or to nominate a candidate, please contact a Leadership Southern Steering Committee member or email at LeadershipSouthern@hotmail.com.

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