

# FACT SHEET

## FORWARD WISE COUNTY 2021

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A LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE WISE COUNTY / CITY OF NORTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Founded in 1989, Forward Wise County is a leadership development program sponsored by the Wise County Chamber of Commerce. Each year the program graduates approximately 20 citizens interested in working toward a better Wise County/City of Norton.

### What is it?

Forward Wise County's mission is to identify and help develop local leaders. We plan to accomplish this mission by bringing together a diverse group of individuals who share a commitment to positive change in Wise County and the City of Norton by helping the participants to

- Understand and appreciate different styles of leadership
- Learn about the present infrastructure of the county/city
- Become aware of critical issues affecting the future of Wise County and the City of Norton
- Set and achieve goals

### How can I participate?

- Applicants must be 21 years old
- Applications may be picked up at the Wise County/City of Chamber office located at 765 Park Avenue, Norton
- Preference will be five to residents of Wise County and the City of Norton

### 2021 Topics include:

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| ➤ Economic development  | ➤ Leadership skills       |
| ➤ Work style assessment | ➤ Public relations        |
| ➤ Local government      | ➤ Criminal justice system |
| ➤ Community trusteeship | ➤ Boardmanship & more!    |
| ➤ Education             |                           |

### What does it cost?

The \$150 covers the classes and in many instances, employers are willing to pay the cost of tuition.

### How does it work?

Classes will begin March 22nd and will be held each Monday from 6:00 to approximately 8:30 p.m. for 11 weeks. Forward Wise County will conclude with a graduation luncheon in May if restrictions allow.

Please send an application to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please Return to: Wise County Chamber of Commerce**

**P.O. Box 226, Norton, VA 24273**

**Telephone (276) 679-0961**

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