

**TUITION:**

The tuition fee for Leadership Corsicana is \$900 for Chamber members and \$600 for Non-profit chamber members. The tuition fee covers the cost of all program material, group transportation, facilities, meals, trip to Navarro County Day in Austin in 2024 and graduation.

THE PROGRAM: Orientation will be held on September 21, 2023.

Each year, up to 15 individuals are selected to participate in an eight-month educational program that consists of a one-day retreat and seven, monthly, day-long sessions. Participants receive exposure to the critical issues facing the community through lectures, discussion groups, on-site visits, participate in the DISC Personality test and other leadership development activities. Issues to be addressed during the year include human services, government & politics, economic development, health care, criminal justice, education, and arts & culture. The location and format of each session is different. The program enables participants to develop their leadership capacities, build strong relationships and prepare themselves for the challenges of the years to come.

BENEFITS:

Program participants will grow in awareness and understanding of the challenges and issues facing our community. They will also develop valuable contacts and communication networks within the community. Most importantly, Leadership Corsicana builds confidence and motivation to become actively involved in promoting positive change for Navarro County. Employers and sponsoring organizations will see increased leadership and problem solving skills in their employee. Leadership Corsicana allows doors to be opened for greater corporate/organizational community involvement and visibility, and helps identify where strategic alliances might be forged. It will create additional opportunities to influence positive change and impact quality of life in the community. The community will experience immediate benefit from increased involvement on the part of the participants, and will reap future benefits from the collective commitment to effective leadership by the graduates of Leadership Corsicana.

SELECTION:

When up to 15 participants are selected each year, it is with an eye toward diversity, to encourage a collaboration of ideas and viewpoints. The program is not a starting point, but rather a professional development opportunity for men and women who are both acknowledged and aspiring leaders. All participants should demonstrate:

- A passion for the people and future of our region, and a personal commitment to help improve the quality of life in Navarro County
- A demonstrated commitment to the community through past and current activities
- A demonstrated capacity for leadership within their own organizations through significant achievements

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- An interest in enhancing their leadership capabilities to meet the demands of the 21st century
- A willingness to commit the time and energy necessary to complete the program requirements, which requires the full support of their organizations
- A commitment to supporting the continuation of leadership development in our region.

The Leadership Corsicana Selection Committee reviews every completed application form. They seek to identify those who are most likely to utilize their leadership abilities for the long-term benefit of Navarro County. The committee seeks diversity in the class make-up (age, ethnicity, gender and socio-economic factors are all considerations.) On September 6, 2023, the Leadership Corsicana class of 2024 will be announced. It is an honor to be invited to participate in Leadership Corsicana.

TIME COMMITMENT:

Commitment to participating in Leadership Corsicana centers on involvement. **Those who choose to apply should realize the significant time commitment involved.** Participation involves one full-day (8 hours) session per month from October to May. Applicants must be able to fulfill program attendance requirements in order to graduate in June. The Orientation Retreat in September is mandatory. No more than 16 hours may be missed at subsequent sessions, held one Thursday of each month beginning in October and continuing through May, without dismissal from the program. Missed sessions can be made up by completing an approved alternate activity.

EXPECTATIONS:

Graduation from the class does not signify an end, but represents the beginning of a lifetime of opportunity as a member of the Leadership Corsicana alumni network. An active alumni organization provides a continuing forum for graduates and a mechanism for maintaining contacts. It is expected that alumni will go forth and participate in constructive community change. They are also encouraged to serve on committees, boards, and organizations throughout Navarro County. Alumni have the responsibility to ensure the perpetuation of leadership in the region; therefore, it is expected that they will support the work of Leadership Corsicana. Critical to the organization's continued success is the support from past participants in program guidance and marketing the program to future participants.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023.

Sincerely,

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