

Leadership *Corsicana*

Dear Leadership Applicant,

We are so pleased that you are interested in applying for membership in the 2020-2021 Leadership Corsicana program, sponsored by the Corsicana & Navarro County Chamber of Commerce (hereafter, Chamber).

2020-2021 PROGRAM INFORMATION

PURPOSE:

Leadership Corsicana is a leadership development program aimed at providing our communities with an ongoing source of diverse leaders who are prepared and committed to serve as catalysts and sustainers of positive change for the quality of life in Navarro County.

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES:

- Identify and motivate potential community leaders of diverse backgrounds
- Provide an outstanding educational experience emphasizing critical social and community issues
- Open a dialogue among emerging and current community leaders
- Challenge participants to apply their talents throughout the community.

TUITION:

The tuition fee for Leadership Corsicana is \$800 for Chamber members. The tuition fee covers the cost of all program material, group transportation, facilities, meals, trip to Navarro County Day in Austin in 2021 and graduation.

THE PROGRAM: Orientation will be held on November 19, 2020.

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 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

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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
- 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 November 16, 2020, the Leadership Corsicana class of 2021 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 November to May. Applicants must be able to fulfill program attendance requirements in order to graduate in June. The Orientation Retreat in November is mandatory. No more than 16 hours may be missed at subsequent sessions, held one Thursday of each month beginning in November and continuing through May, without dismissal from the program. Missed sessions can be made up by completing an approved alternate activity.

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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 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2020.

Sincerely,



Deborah Cooper

President & CEO
Corsicana & Navarro County
Chamber of Commerce

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Application for Participation

**CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION
CLASS OF 2021**

APPLICANT CHECKLIST <input type="checkbox"/> Completed
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OFFICE CHECKLIST <input type="checkbox"/> Completed

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Completed application with appropriate signatures are **due no later than 5pm on Friday, November 13, 2020.**
- If approved, tuition of \$800.00 is **due no later than 5pm on Monday, November 16, 2020, unless already paid through the Total Resource Campaign (TRC.)**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

<input type="checkbox"/> Mr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs.	Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Initial:	First & Last Name for Nametag:
<input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	<input type="checkbox"/> ____				
Home Address:					Length of Residence in Navarro County area:
City:		State:	Zip:	Cell Phone:	
E-mail:			Date of Birth:	Office Phone:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		Person with Disability? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	List any special disability or dietary accommodations needed:		
Previous Applicant? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, when?			Preferred Mailing Address: <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Home		

EMPLOYMENT:

Present Employer:	Corsicana Chamber Member: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Title or Responsibility:	Length of Time with Employer:		
Business Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Number of Employees: <input type="checkbox"/> More than 250 employees <input type="checkbox"/> 50 – 250 employees <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 50 employees			

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

School/University:	City, State:	Dates (from-to):	Degree:	Major:

GENERAL:

Please answer in the space provided limiting each response to 100 words or less. **No attachments please.** Additional pages will not be given to the Selection Committee.

I. What do you consider to be your most significant professional or community contribution? Briefly explain why you consider it to be significant.

II. What do you consider the most significant issue facing the Corsicana area today? Briefly describe how you could help influence this issue in the next five years.

III. Why should you be selected for Leadership Corsicana?

IV. What do you hope to gain from participation in Leadership Corsicana?

TUITION:

- If admitted to the class, a tuition fee of \$800.00 shall be paid no later than 5pm on Monday, November 16, 2020, unless already paid through the Total Resource Campaign (TRC.)

Tuition is non-refundable after November 16, 2020.

COMMITMENT STATEMENT:

(Please initial to indicate acknowledgement of each requirement)

I agree to the following guidelines for Leadership Corsicana. I understand that to graduate from Leadership Corsicana, I am expected to:

_____ Attend one full day session each month for nine months, as scheduled (or satisfy any session make-up requirements no later than Friday, May 21, 2021)

_____ Attend the scheduled Leadership Orientation on November 19, 2020 (**attendance is mandatory**)

_____ Participate as a volunteer for at least one other Chamber, City/County, or social service function

I have cleared my calendar to participate in the 2020-2021 Leadership Corsicana Program. I commit to attending the orientation and all monthly sessions. If applicable, I have my employer's support as indicated below. If selected, I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the program. Even though emergencies do arise, any participant missing more than eight hours (one session) will be asked to make up the session by either attending a School Board meeting, a City Council meeting, County Commissioner's meeting, Economic Development meeting, Planning & Zoning meeting or by scheduling a police ride-along.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

EMPLOYER COMMITMENT:

This application has the approval of this organization to participate in Leadership Corsicana 2020-2021. The applicant has our full support, which includes the time required to participate in the program. We also agree to pay \$800.00 in tuition costs for this applicant to participate in the program.

Name/Title _____

Mailing Address _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please submit completed application by 5pm on November 13, 2020 to the address below. If selected you will be contacted by Monday, November 16, 2020. If approved, please mail a check for \$800.00 made payable to Corsicana & Navarro County Chamber of Commerce to:

Corsicana & Navarro County
Chamber of Commerce
120 N. 12th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110

Deadline to apply is 5pm on November 13, 2020.