



Confidential Program Application

Leadership Hunterdon is a 9-month program sponsored by the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce Foundation. It is designed to prepare citizens for civic leadership through Education and Exploration of issues affecting our Community. Participants are selected on the basis of their ability, leadership potential and demonstrated interest in the County.

The goal is to create an active network of informed, concerned citizens to guide the future.

Please Type or Print Your application. Both the Applicant and Employer Must Sign The Commitment Form. The Leadership Hunterdon Application can be submitted to: info@hunterdon-chamber.org.

INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your interest in Leadership Hunterdon. You have been nominated for membership in our Class. The Leadership Hunterdon mission is to increase the community leadership in Hunterdon County. One of the principal means to accomplish our mission is by bringing together diverse individuals for education and networking as members of our annual class. This experience provides a forum for individuals who want to learn more about the challenges and opportunities facing our County and contribute to shaping its future. Class members participate in a series of seminars on themes of fundamental importance to our community. Each "program day" is developed and delivered by people actively engaged in the issues related to the particular theme. Class members also learn skills to enhance their leadership abilities. After graduation, alumni are strongly encouraged to maintain their "network" of contacts or begin to continue their service on community boards, commissions, and agencies. Please complete the application and return it to the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Applicants must have the full support of the organization or corporation they represent to attend Leadership activities.
2. Two confidential references are required.
3. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance status.
4. Selection for the class will be based upon the information contained in the completed application and references.
5. Attendance at the Kickoff Retreat, Dinner, and Overnight Stay scheduled for September is required.

6. The class will be comprised of approximately 8-10 individuals. Since class size is limited, applicants who are not selected are encouraged to reapply in subsequent years.
7. Leadership Hunterdon is committed to creating a diverse and dynamic class. Candidates are from a cross-section of our community and will be invited by referral. Class members are leaders and potential leaders that exhibit the following characteristics:

- Commitment to Hunterdon County.
- Diversity of candidates is important. We are seeking diversity in education, age, business sector, public sector, religion, background, race, gender, creed, etc.
- Ability to fully participate one day a month for the duration of the program, the 2-day retreat; work on a team White Paper project and presentation.
- Identified as being on a leadership track by their references.
- A person who is a business owner, entrepreneur or employee
- A person who is interested in their own personal development
- They should have an interest in and be prepared for immersion in all facets of Hunterdon County.
- Looking to make an impact in Hunterdon County
- Participate in writing a White Paper and present it to members of the Hunterdon County business community.

The White Paper Topics focus on business, the service sector, political issues, transportation and economic development-Tourism/DMO. The topics will be driven from the curriculum and will be developed as we progress through the program. Leadership Hunterdon participants will work on White Paper projects in teams, individuals must work on issues that are not related to the focus or business as a way to broaden their knowledge.

8. Tuition is \$1,650 for Businesses; \$1,350 for Non-profit organizations. The Tuition includes all fees, materials, transportation, the retreat and meals on program days. The fee should be paid to the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce Foundation no later than July 1st. Tuition is not refundable if a participant withdraws at any time during the year.

CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION



Full Name _____

Preferred First Name _____

Business Title _____

Organization _____

Work Address _____

Work Phone _____ Fax _____ Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Home Address _____

Email Address _____

School District _____

Home Borough/Township _____

1. How did you hear about the Leadership Hunterdon program?

2. Explain your current civic involvement in your community.

3. What do you consider your most important volunteer service accomplishment to date and why?

4. In what ways do you feel that you meet the criteria for selection?

5. What attributes do you have that make you an effective community leader?

6. Please provide a statement outlining the reasons that you would like to participate in Leadership Hunterdon.

7. Please explain what you can contribute to the program and the county after completing the 9-month curriculum.

8. What do you feel are the most important issues facing Hunterdon County?

9. What do you hope to gain from participating in Leadership Hunterdon?



References

INSTRUCTIONS For Reference Forms

1. Applicants will give the Confidential Reference Forms to the two people who are providing a reference. References may be emailed, mailed or faxed;

**Hunterdon Chamber of Commerce Foundation c/o
Leadership Hunterdon**
119 Main Street
Flemington, NJ 08822
(908)-782-7115 (Phone)
(908)-782-7283 (Fax)
info@hunterdon-chamber.org

2. Fill out the left portion of the Commitment Form and then give it to your employer to complete and sign

CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE

The Leadership Hunterdon mission is to transform people to become trustees of our communities, to become leadership resources and work for the betterment of Hunterdon County. The curriculum provides training and education for individuals who want to learn more about the challenges and opportunities facing our County and contribute to shaping its future.

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CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

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- Candidates will be invited by referral.
- Ability to fully participate in the 9 month program days held monthly, a 2-day retreat, able to work on a team White Paper project and presentation
- Identified as being on a leadership track by their reference
- A person who is a business owner or entrepreneur
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- They should have an interest in and prepared for immersion of all facets of Hunterdon County
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1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. In what ways do you see the applicant meeting the criteria mentioned above?

3. Please evaluate the applicant's leadership abilities by placing a check mark in the appropriate rating category for each Leadership Ability. The Categories are not comprehensive.

Leadership Abilities	Superior	Above Average	Average	Comments
Works Cooperatively				
Identifies Goals and Sets Priorities				
Builds & Develops Teams				
Communicates Effectively				
Appreciates Other View Points				
Exhibits Logic and Creativity in Decision Making				
Resolves Conflict Effectively				

Please provide a letter of reference as well.

You have been asked by a potential class member to assess his/her application for membership in the Class of 2020.

I recommend _____ for participation in Leadership Hunterdon.

Your Name _____

Business title _____

Member _____

Company _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Your Signature

Confidential Reference
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Commitment Form

Name of Applicant _____

Personal Commitment

Leadership Hunterdon requires a serious commitment and energy. Full Participation of each individual is necessary and attendance at each session is an expectation of the program. More than 1 day absence will result in the individual being ineligible for graduation with the 2020 class. Participation in the full overnight retreat is mandatory. There may also be occasional assignments in addition to the scheduled sessions.

I understand that the Leadership Hunterdon Program days, which feature education about Hunterdon County, networking and exposure to community issues, leaders and content experts, are intended to build on the skills I already possess or have through my own professional development. I understand that Leadership Hunterdon does not provide leadership skills training, in the traditional sense. This is what I expect and what I am looking for in the yearlong Leadership Hunterdon experience, and my organization and I can make a commitment now.

Upon successful completion of this program, I will assume a more active and effective volunteer role that will apply the skills that I have developed to a Hunterdon County community organization.

Signature _____

Date _____

ORGANIZATION/EMPLOYER COMMITMENT

Nominees for the Leadership Hunterdon program should have the commitment of their employer or organization. The signature below indicates that the employer or sponsoring organization is aware of the work time required and endorses the applicant.

Name _____

Title _____

Company/Organization _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Signature _____

Date _____