



LEADERSHIP EAST COUNTY APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in the Leadership East County program!

Instructions

1. Review, complete and return this application to the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce.
2. Applicants will be contacted for an in-person interview with members of the Steering Committee.
3. Applicants will be notified regarding acceptance after a decision is made by the full Steering Committee.

Criteria

Leadership East County is an issue-oriented leadership development program designed to inform, motivate and spur community solutions through a diverse group of participants who engage in monthly seminars, leadership training and interaction with community decision makers.

A cohort of 20 individuals will be selected each program year who:

1. Possess high standards of personal integrity, accountability and commitment
2. Have a record of community involvement and achievement that indicates past and potential ability and who demonstrate a willingness to increase their leadership in the future
3. Have a track record of setting and reaching goals as reflected in career, personal and community achievements
4. Prioritize their time and effort as required to successfully complete the program
5. Represent a diverse cross-section of our regional community individually and professionally, such as business, education, labor, government, and non-profit professionals.

Program Tuition Requirements

Tuition is \$850, payable within 30 days of acceptance into the program. At least \$100 of that amount must be paid personally by the participant. Up to \$750 may be paid by a sponsor organization. A penalty of \$50 per month will be assessed on tuition not paid within 30 days of acceptance. Failure to pay tuition in full by 90 days after acceptance will result in the participant being dropped from the program.

A limited amount of financial aid may be available. Requests for financial aid must be submitted at the time of application to the program. The Steering Committee will review requests and decide how much, if any, financial aid may be awarded by no later than 30 days prior to the first program session.

Financial aid, if awarded, carries a commitment of service or support to be completed in the 12-month period immediately following graduation from the program. Options may include 12 months of service on the Leadership East County Steering committee or other Chamber committee, or financial sponsorship of a Leadership breakfast or lunch in the subsequent program year. Failure to fulfill one of these options will result in the recapture of any financial aid previously awarded.

Program Attendance and Completion Requirements

A **100% commitment is expected** from each Leadership East County program participant.

The program consists of 11 full-day sessions, which will take place one Friday per month, beginning in August and concluding in June. Topics covered will include:

- Program Orientation
- Economy Day
- Education Day
- Human Services Day
- Justice Day
- Retreat (1 ½ days, overnight)
- Government and Safety Day
- Health Care Day
- Regional Collaboration Day
- Culture and Diversity Day
- Future Vision Day

Orientation, Retreat and Future Vision Presentations are mandatory sessions. Failure to complete those sessions will be cause for removal from the program. More than 2 absences throughout the program for any reason, while not cause for removal, will require makeup in the following year's program before graduate status is bestowed and a certificate of completion is awarded.

We recognize that unexpected circumstance may arise that conflict with program attendance. Should a participant need to defer their attendance for any reason within 90 days of the program orientation, participation and tuition may be rolled over to the next program year only. Tuition is non-refundable.

Terms of Agreement

I and my employer/sponsor have read and agree to all terms set forth above and will be bound to those terms as outlined.

Applicant Signature

Employer/Sponsor Signature

Date

Submit application to:

San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce
201 South Magnolia Avenue, El Cajon CA 92020

rosemaryr@eastcountychamber.org

Phone: 619.440.6161 ♦ Fax: 619-440-6164

Personal Data

Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Personal Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Employer/Business: _____

Position/Title: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Email: _____ Business Phone: _____

Sponsoring Business or Organization (if applicable): _____

Contact/Title with Sponsoring Organization: _____

Contact's Business Phone/Email: _____

Background

Attach a current copy of your resume or CV, including a brief description of your current responsibilities.

Complete the following statement:

I consider my most important career achievement to be... _____

Professional, Civic and Personal Involvement

List notable activities, programs and events in which you have participated during the past five years. Include any offices held, certifications earned, and awards or recognition received.

Objectives for Participation

Describe what you expect to gain from the program and how you anticipate using the experience in your professional, civic and personal life.

Areas of Interest

Identify several current issues and opportunities within the East County region and expand on the one that most interests you.

References

Provide the names and contact information for two or more professional and/or personal references with knowledge of your qualifications who may each be contacted by the program Steering Committee.

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2. _____
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