

Program
Information &
Application

Class of 2017



Leadership Madison County

Application Process

Your application must be signed by you and your employer (if applicable), and received no later than 5:00 P.M. Thursday, July 28, 2016. Provide **ALL** of the information requested on the application relevant to your own experience and background. Resumes **ARE NOT** accepted in lieu of this application and will not be reviewed.

INCOMPLETE MATERIALS AND APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Applications should be mailed to

Leadership Madison County
618 Crescent Boulevard, Suite 101
Ridgeland, MS 39157

A selection committee will critically review all applications to choose an ethnically and culturally diverse class as well as a balanced representation of public, private and non-profit communities.

For additional information please contact

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Tuition

Tuition for the program is \$975. Full payment is due before the program orientation session. The tuition payment covers expenses for all the program education days, the Opening Retreat and Project Presentation/Graduation. Incidentals are the responsibility of the participant. Tuition is **NON REFUNDABLE**. Any requests for refunds shall be evaluated by the Chair of Leadership Madison County and the Executive Committee of Leadership Madison County.



Leadership Madison County

What is LMC

Leadership Madison County (LMC) is the Madison County Chamber's signature program designed to develop potential leaders for Madison County. The nine month program – through day-long sessions – looks at the inner workings of Madison County. Typical sessions include, but are not limited to, education, government, law and order, diversity, and economic development.

Mission

Leadership Madison County's mission is to provide leaders with a deeper understanding of the critical issues affecting Madison County in an environment that furthers their leadership skills and encourages graduates to take their knowledge and their experience into the community for the betterment of Madison County as a whole.

Values

- **Commitment** We value a passion for service and believe responsibility and duty is imperative to enrich the community.
- **Service** We commit ourselves to be stewards of the community, the highest level of caring.
- **Courage** We believe that the community can only grow and prosper if we dare to be bold in our visions, stand by our convictions and be fearless in our quest for a community rich in experience.
- **Integrity** We believe that individuals must demonstrate the strength, moral principles, honesty and ethics that warrant the trust of the community.
- **Inclusiveness** We embrace behavior and actions that respect and honor the background, diversity and contributions of all in our community.

Benefits

- Opportunity to meet with key decision makers and leaders in our community as well as the state
- Receive a bird's eye view of the issues and challenges facing the community
- Discover leadership strengths and sharpen critical skills that are essential for effective, results-oriented leadership
- Strengthen your sense of personal vision and power
- Discover opportunities to make a commitment on behalf of the community

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must meet all the following criteria**
- Live or work in Madison County
 - Be 21 years of age or older
 - Have decision-making responsibility within their business
 - Show evidence of leadership in the workplace, community or both
 - Be willing to commit the required time to Leadership Madison County
 - Be committed to utilizing their leadership skills and knowledge for the long-term benefit of the community

Schedule

The program begins with an orientation, followed by a two day **mandatory** opening retreat in September. One day sessions are held each month beginning in October and ending in April, to study issues vital to Madison County and to build upon critical leadership concepts. Programs include simulations, panel discussions, site visits and group interactions directed by recognized experts in the content areas. The group will be required to participate as a team in the Madison County Chamber Dragon Boat Regatta. The program concludes with a final project presentation and graduation. Please note that roommates will be assigned for the opening retreat.

PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND ALL SESSIONS OF EACH PROGRAM DAY AS WELL AS OPENING RETREAT AND PROJECT PRESENTATIONS/GRADUATION CEREMONY.

Dates to Remember

**All dates and times are approximate and subject to change. Advance notification will be given as soon as possible.*

Orientation

- Thursday, September 15, 2016, 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M., Location TBA

Retreat (Two-day Program)

- 8:00 A.M. Friday, September 23, 2016 until 5:00 P.M. Saturday, September 24, 2016

Monthly Sessions

Monthly sessions are held on the second Tuesday (unless otherwise noted*) from 7:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. each month from October through April.

- October 11, 2016 ■ November 8, 2016 ■ December 6, 2016* ■ January 10, 2017
- February 14, 2017 ■ March 7, 2017 ■ April 11, 2017

Dragon Boat Regatta (Team Building Event)

- Saturday, May 20, 2017* 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. (Old Trace Park)

Project Presentation and Graduation

- Tuesday, May 23, 2017*; 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. (Project Presentations); 5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. (Graduation Ceremony)

Testimonials

“ As a transplant from Texas I made more valuable connections in 9 months than I would have accumulated in 5 years on my own. ”

Jim Jeter

Executive Director, St. Dominic's Health Services

“ You will learn so much, make great contacts and special lifelong friends. I have come back every year to serve as a trustee because this is the BEST Leadership Program. ”

Lauren McGraw

Owner, McGraw Gotta Go



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Statement of Commitment

As Leadership Madison County is a cooperative effort to share experiences, knowledge and insight into Madison County, participants are expected to attend all segments of every program session. One individual's failure to attend diminishes the experiences for the remaining members of the program. Participation and attendance are the cornerstones of a successful program. Attendees are expected to be on time and attend the entire program each day.

Attendance at the Opening Retreat and Project Presentation/Graduation is **MANDATORY**. If you cannot attend the opening retreat in its entirety, you should not submit an application and may want to defer participation until next year.

If accepted and enrolled into the program, you and/or your organization will be obligated for the full tuition of \$975 which covers all program costs including the Opening Retreat and Project Presentation/Graduation Ceremonies.

Statement of Agreement

I have reviewed and understand the mission and program requirements of **Leadership Madison County**. If selected, I will devote the required time and pay my full tuition before the program orientation session. If I am unable to comply with the requirements, I will voluntarily withdraw from the program. I understand that, in interest of the class experience for all participants, any participant may be removed from the class if, in the opinion of the Leadership Madison County Board of Trustees, a participant's conduct is not conducive to the work of the group. I further understand that tuition is non-refundable in whole or part.

Vicki Terrell Miller 6/29/16
Signed Applicant Date

Employer Approval
(if applicable)

As the applicant's work supervisor, I certify that this candidate has my full support to participate in Leadership Madison County, Class of 2017. I am aware of the time commitment necessary and the financial obligation. I recommend this candidate because:

Name and Title (please print)

Signed (employer) Date



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