

LEADERSHIP

OKALOOSA  2011-2012

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Summary

Leadership Okaloosa is an esteemed leadership training and development program with a 21 year history of being a vital part of Okaloosa County's growth and development of its leaders. This 10 month experience is designed to enhance the participant's leadership skills and provide community awareness. Hosted from September to June, participants receive classroom training by certified instructors and are given opportunities to interact with various key community leaders throughout the process. Tours of key areas such as the Destin Harbor, Crestview, Niceville, Valparaiso, downtown Fort Walton Beach, Eglin Air Force Base, and Legislative Days in Tallahassee provide participants with a better understanding of the community. Additionally, each participant takes part in a group project to benefit the community while focusing on project management, time management and team building skills. Another important aspect of **Leadership Okaloosa** is the networking relationships forged that lead to long lasting personal and professional relationships. **Leadership Okaloosa** is hosted by the Northwest Florida State College Leadership Institute with the support of the Crestview Area Chamber of Commerce, Destin Area Chamber of Commerce, Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, and Niceville Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce.

Benefits to the Participant:

- Learn leadership training and development
- Network with others in the community
- Be equipped and motivated to assume leadership roles in the community
- Interact with community leaders
- Develop an awareness of the region and its needs
- Awareness of the Legislative process (Tallahassee Legislative Days)

Application Criteria

Applications are accepted May 2 through July 15, 2011. The class size ranges from 25-45 participants. Leadership Okaloosa seeks participants who:

- Demonstrate leadership qualities in their job
- Participate in the community and desire to better our community through active leadership
- Commitment of necessary time and effort to complete Leadership Okaloosa
- Represent a cross section of the population
- Hold high standards of personal integrity
- Desire to network with others in the community
- Equipped and motivated to assume leadership roles in a variety of settings

Nominations Accepted May 2 - July 15, 2011

Each applicant will be notified of their status by August 12, 2011

Graduation Requirements

Participants must attend six of seven training classes, Tallahassee Legislative Days trip, three of the five community tours, and participate and complete the class project to be eligible for graduation. Make up options are available.

Tuition Fee - \$850

The fee includes leadership development training, *Effective Leadership* book and materials, coffee and lunch during monthly training classes, graduation celebration for participant and a guest to attend, and Tallahassee Legislative Days transportation and dinner (lunches and hotel room not covered by tuition fee, but a group rate will be secured for the hotel).

SCHEDULE

September 27, 2011	Orientation and Training Day	Bldg. K, Gallery
October 5, 2011	Eglin Air Force Base Tour	Eglin AFB
October 25, 2011	Training Day	Bldg. K, Gallery
November 15, 2011	Training Day	LRC128
December 13, 2011	Training Day	NWF Airport
January 11, 2012	Crestview Tour	Crestview
February 1 & 2, 2012	Tallahassee Legislative Days	Tallahassee
February 28, 2012	Training Day	Leadership Institute
March 14, 2012	Fort Walton Beach Tour	Fort Walton Beach
March 27, 2012	Training Day	Leadership Institute
April 24, 2012	Training Day and Niceville Valparaiso Tour	Leadership Institute
May 9, 2012	Destin Tour	Destin
May 29, 2012	Training Day	Leadership Institute
June 5, 2012	Graduation Celebration	TBD

Times – Training Days - 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Tour Days – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Graduation Celebration – 11:30 a.m.

Tentative Class time: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
(September 27 class will be held from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.).
Classes will be held at the Northwest Florida State College
Niceville campus in Building K Gallery,
the Learning Resources Center, or the Leadership Institute.

NOTE: This is a tentative schedule and is subject to change.

*Application for
Leadership Okaloosa*

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Personal

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Initial)

Male Female

Home Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Date of Birth _____

Employment

Current Employer _____

Business Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Office Phone _____

Title/Position _____

Briefly describe your responsibilities

Type of Business _____ Date of Hire _____

Website _____

Has your employer authorized the required time commitment for participation in Leadership Okaloosa?

Yes No

Direct Supervisor's Name _____

Direct Supervisor's E-mail _____

Employment,...continued

Previous Employer _____

Title/Responsibility _____

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Organizations / Activities / Community Involvement

Professional and Community Organization Membership _____

What do you consider a major accomplishment associated with the professional and/or community organization(s) you have been affiliated with that you had a hand in accomplishing?

What would you consider one of your greatest contributions to the Okaloosa County community?

What skill and/or knowledge do you hope to gain from participating in Leadership Okaloosa?

What do you feel is the biggest issue facing Okaloosa County?

How did you hear about Leadership Okaloosa? _____

Which Okaloosa County Chamber are you a member of?

Crestview Destin Fort Walton Beach Niceville Valparaiso

EA/EO

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Application Deadline: July 15, 2011

Questions: Julie Cotton (850) 729-6880 or e-mail: cottonj@nwfsc.edu

Application may be submitted by Mail, E-mail or through the website:

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