

# LEADERSHIP

OKALOOSA  2019 - 2020

## The Key To Our Success

### *Summary*

Leadership Okaloosa is an esteemed leadership training and development program with a 29 year history of being a vital part of Okaloosa County's growth and development of its leaders. This 9 month experience is designed to enhance the participant's leadership skills and provide community awareness. Hosted from September to May, 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 Destin, Crestview, Niceville, Valparaiso, Fort Walton Beach, Eglin Air Force Base, Hurlburt Field 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; with the support of the Crestview Area Chamber of Commerce, Destin 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
- Become equipped and motivated to assume leadership roles in the community
- Interact with community leaders
- Develop an awareness of the region and its needs
- Learn aspects of the Legislative process (Tallahassee Legislative Days)

### *Application Criteria*

Applications are accepted through August 5, 2019. The class size ranges from 25-40 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
- Commit necessary time and effort to complete the Leadership Okaloosa program
- Represent a cross section of the population
- Hold high standards of personal integrity
- Desire to network with others in the community
- Want to assume leadership roles in a variety of settings

**Application deadline - August 5, 2019**

## **Graduation Requirements**

Participants must attend a minimum of four of the training classes and community tours, the Tallahassee Legislative Days trip, and participate in and complete the class project to be eligible for graduation. Make-up options are available.

## **Tuition Fee - \$950**

The fee includes leadership development training, *Developmental Leadership* book and materials, coffee and lunch during monthly training days, chamber breakfast or lunch during tour days, graduation celebration for participant and a guest to attend, and transportation and dinner for Tallahassee Legislative Days.

## **SCHEDULE**

September 10, 2019 .....	Orientation and Training Day .....	NWFSC, Building 400
October 15, 2019 .....	Training Day .....	NWFSC, Building 400
November 7, 2019 .....	Crestview Tour Day .....	Crestview
December 10, 2019 .....	Training Day .....	NWFSC, Building 400
January 7, 2020 .....	Airport Tour .....	VPS Airport
January 23, 2020 .....	Training Day .....	NWFSC, Building 400
February 12–13, 2020 .....	Tallahassee Legislative Days .....	Tallahassee
March 6, 2020 .....	Fort Walton Beach Tour .....	Fort Walton Beach
March 27, 2020 .....	Eglin AFB Tour .....	Eglin AFB
April 8, 2020 .....	Niceville Tour .....	Niceville
April 28, 2020 .....	Training Day .....	NWFSC, Building 400
May 8, 2020 .....	Destin Tour .....	Destin
May 14, 2020 .....	Graduation Celebration .....	Emerald Grande, Destin

**Times – Training Days - 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

*(September 10 will last until 4:30 p.m.).*

**Tour Days – 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Graduation Celebration – 5:30 p.m.**

Attendance Policy

- Attend at least 4 training days
- Attend Tallahassee Legislative Days (*Mandatory*)
- Attendance at Graduation Celebration is encouraged!

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

*Application for  
Leadership Okaloosa*

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## *Personal*

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Initial)

Male  Female

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_ State Issued \_\_\_\_\_

## *Employment*

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Current Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Type of Business \_\_\_\_\_

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

Yes  No

Direct Supervisor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Direct Supervisor's E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Organizations / Activities / Community Involvement***

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Professional and Community Organization Membership \_\_\_\_\_  
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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? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What would you consider one of your greatest contributions to the Okaloosa County community?  
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What skill and/or knowledge do you hope to gain from participating in Leadership Okaloosa?  
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What do you feel is the biggest issue facing Okaloosa County?  
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How did you hear about Leadership Okaloosa? \_\_\_\_\_

Which Okaloosa County Chamber are you a member of?

Crestview     Destin     Fort Walton Beach     Niceville Valparaiso

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Application Deadline: August 5, 2019**

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