

# LEADERSHIP

OKALOOSA  2022-2023

## The Key To Our Success

### **Summary**

Leadership Okaloosa is an esteemed leadership training and development program with a 30 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.

### **Vision Statement**

Leadership Okaloosa aims to foster a vibrant Okaloosa County by serving as the nexus for community leadership development.

### **Mission Statement**

Develop, educate, and connect individuals to lead and bring value to our diverse community. Our role is to inspire, excite, and equip people who will shape a thriving Okaloosa County.

### **Benefits to the Participant**

- Partake in extensive 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 15, 2022. 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

## **Graduation Requirements**

Participants are allowed to miss up to 16 total hours (inclusive of training days and tours) to be eligible for graduation. Legislative Days in Tallahassee are strongly encouraged but are not mandatory.

## **Tuition Fee - \$975**

The fee includes training materials and instruction, coffee and lunch during training days at NWFSC, hotel, transportation, and some meals during Tallahassee Legislative days, and a graduation celebration for participants and two guests. There will be minimal personal costs to participants on tour dates for lunch or other miscellaneous fees and estimated amounts will be provided to participants in advance of tour dates.

If you are selected for the program, preferred tuition due date is August 31, 2022. Payment must be made not later than October 1, 2022 for participants to continue in the program. Please make checks Payable to "NWFSC - Leadership Okaloosa" and mail to: NWFSC, Attn: Leadership Okaloosa, 100 College Blvd. E., Niceville, FL 32578

Notification of acceptance will be sent via email provided on your application on August 22, 2022.

## **SCHEDULE**

September 9, 2022 .....	Orientation and Training Day .....	NWFSC, Building 400
October 6, 2022.....	Training Day.....	NWFSC, Building 400
November 3, 2022 .....	Crestview Tour .....	Crestview
December 8, 2022.....	Training Day.....	NWFSC, Building 400
January 26, 2023 .....	6 <sup>th</sup> RTB/Eglin AFB .....	TBD
February 8, 2023 .....	Niceville Tour.....	Niceville
March 3, 2023 .....	Fort Walton Beach Tour .....	Fort Walton Beach
March 16, 2023 .....	Training Day.....	NWFSC, Building 400
April 5-6, 2023.....	Legislative Days.....	Tallahassee, FL
April 27, 2023 .....	Training Day .....	NWFSC, Building 400
May 12, 2023.....	Destin Tour .....	Destin
May 18, 2023.....	Graduation Celebration.....	TBD

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

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

*(September 9 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**

All training and tour days are mandatory. Participants are allowed up to 16 total missed hours (inclusive of training and tour dates) during the program to still be eligible for graduation. Legislative Days in Tallahassee are not required, but highly encouraged. Attendance at the Graduation Celebration is also highly encouraged.

*Application for  
Leadership Okaloosa*

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## *Personal*

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

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

Home/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Email \_\_\_\_\_ Work Email \_\_\_\_\_

Email for Correspondence (please check preference): \_\_\_\_\_ Personal \_\_\_\_\_ Work

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

## *Employment*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### DECLARATION UPON COMPLETION OF APPLICATION\*

**In submitting this application, I hereby declare that:**

- Except for circumstances beyond my control, I will abide by the attendance policy and complete the program in its entirety.**

Signature of Applicant\* Typing your name here will serve as your signature.

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

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## Application Deadline August 15, 2022

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Contact: Melissa Garza (850) 729-4956 or email: garzam4@nwfsc.edu

Application may be submitted by Mail or E-mail.

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