

LEADERSHIP OKALOOSA

2023-2024

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 25, 2023. The class size ranges from 25-50 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 and Attendance Policy

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 (February 2024) are strongly encouraged but are not mandatory. Attendance at the Graduation Celebration is also highly encouraged.

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 guests. There will be minimal personal cost 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, the preferred tuition due date is August 31, 2023. Payments must be made no later than October 2, 2023, 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.

Orientation and Training Day Sept 14, 2023 8:30am-4:30pm @ NWFSC

All other training days are scheduled 8:30 a.m–3:30 p.m.

Tour Days 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Graduation Celebration 5:30 p.m.

Leadership Okaloosa Tentative Schedule

9/2023	Orientation/Training
10/2023	Training Day
11/2023	Crestview Tour
12/2023	Niceville Tour
01/2024	Training Day
02/2024	Tallahassee Legislative Days
03/2024	Eglin AFB/6 th RTB Tour
03/2024	Training Day
04/2024	Fort Walton Beach Tour
04/2024	Training Day
05/2024	Destin Tour
05/2024	Graduation Celebration

*Application for
Leadership Okaloosa*

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Personal

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Initial)

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

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Date of Birth _____

Driver's License # _____ State Issued _____

Employment

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

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 _____

Application Deadline August 25, 2023

Contact: Brenda Robinson (850) 729-4956 or email: robinsonb@nwfsc.edu

Application may be submitted by Mail or E-mail.

Mail: Northwest Florida State College

Attn: Leadership Okaloosa

100 College Blvd. E., Niceville, FL 32578

E-mail: leadership@nwfsc.edu • Website: www.nwfsc.edu

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