



Dear Business Sponsor and Prospective Class Member,

Please be informed of the following:

- Application selections will be based on merit (quality, completeness, and overall representation.)
- Two letters of reference will be requested with each application. Letters must be turned in with the application in a sealed envelope for application completeness. One of the reference letters may be written by the person nominating/ sponsoring the candidate for participation in Leadership Lee County.

Some topics of interest to include in the reference letter are: length and capacity you have known applicant, potential to influence change as a leader, example of leadership role you have experienced with the applicant, or any unique aspects from the applicant's background

- Class size will be limited.
- 2017– 2018 applications (fillable PDF format) can be downloaded from our website at www.leadershipleecounty.com .
- Tuition for Leadership Lee County is \$750.
- Tuition is due in full by October 1, 2017.
- Applications for the class of 2017- 2018 will be accepted May 2– July 31, 2017.

Due to size restrictions of each year's class and the need for diversity in class composition, qualified candidates may not be chosen for inclusion in the class.

It is Leadership Lee County's privilege to serve the surrounding community in fostering leadership opportunities and growth. We would like to inform you of a few sponsorship opportunities available in supporting Leadership the Lee County organization in addition to sponsoring applicants.

Session Sponsorship Opportunities:

- Kick Off Celebration Sponsorship: \$500- 2 available
- Session Sponsorship: Provides lunch and snacks for the class for an entire session: \$500- 9 available
- Transportation for sessions: \$250- 3 available

Graduation Sponsorship Opportunities:

- Diploma/ Plaque Sponsor \$700: Listing in printed program and recognition via sticker placed on the back of the plaque given to each graduate- 1 available
- Program Sponsor \$500: Listing on the event invitation and printed program as well as signage at the event, opportunity to speak during the program, and two seats for the graduation dinner- 5 available
- Table sponsor \$400: Provides reserved seats for one full table for the graduation dinner- 5 available
- Event Sponsor \$900: Combines all benefits of the Program Sponsor and the Table Sponsor- 2 available
- Flower sponsorship \$300: centerpieces for graduation dinner- 1 available

Should you have any questions regarding Leadership Lee County, the application process or available sponsorship opportunities, please contact the Executive Director, Lenzie Lane, at director@leadershipleecounty.com. We close with our continued appreciation for your support.

Best Regards,

Clay Lane, Chairman of the Board



Leadership Lee County
2017 – 2018 Schedule of Events
TENTATIVE
Maximum of 2 absences for scheduled events

Kick off Seminar: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 - 1 – 4 pm

Kick off Reception: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 - 5:30 - 7pm

Kick off Retreat: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 – 8:00 – 4:30 pm

Education Session: Thursday, October 19, 2017

Higher Education/Professional Development Session: Thursday, November 16, 2017

Economic Development Session: Thursday, December 7, 2017

Health & Human Services Session: Thursday, January 18, 2018

Judicial Session: Thursday, February 15, 2018

State Government Session: Thursday, March 8, 2018

Local Government Session: Thursday, April 19, 2018

Graduation Celebration: Thursday, May 17, 2018 - 5:30pm

*The Class Service Project will be completed prior to graduation on a day(s)
separate of class sessions on dates determined by the class.

Additional Requirements:
Attend one City Council or County Commission Meeting
Attend one Board of Education Meeting
Planning Service Project



LEADERSHIP LEE COUNTY 2017 - 2018 APPLICATION

Leadership Lee County is a program sponsored by the Auburn and Opelika Chambers of Commerce. It seeks out, honors, educates, challenges, and develops a select group of Lee County Citizens who have the potential to provide the leadership needed to solve problems of community and statewide significance. Participants are selected on the basis of ability, demonstrated interest in the community, and potential for responsible and effective leadership.

MISSION: The purpose of Leadership Lee County is to identify, develop and inspire future leaders through professional development, educational opportunities, and community involvement.

PERSONAL

NAME _____
Last First Middle Preferred

HOME ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

ALTERNATE E-MAIL _____

NOMINATED BY _____ PHONE _____

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

EDUCATION

Please list all schools attended beginning with high school.

NAME OF SCHOOL	CITY	DATES ATTENDED	MAJOR & DEGREE
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

EMPLOYMENT

PRESENT EMPLOYER _____ DATE BEGAN _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____
 Street City State Zip

PRESENT TITLE/POSITION _____

How long have you been in your present position?

Briefly describe your present job responsibilities or activities:

What do you consider your most significant contribution or achievement related to your work so far?

Please list business/professional affiliations in which you have been active.

PAST EMPLOYMENT (list last position first, including military duty)

EMPLOYER	TITLE/POSITION	DATES
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please list in order of importance to you all organizations in which you have been involved. (civic, religious, social, etc.)

ORGANIZATION

POSITIONS HELD

DATES

Briefly state any contributions, accomplishments, or achievements in these activities which you consider significant and your role in the accomplishment.

How much time each month do you commit to community, civic, professional or other organizations?

On what kinds of community or state boards, committees, or groups would you like to become active in the future?

OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH/ INVESTMENT

Explain briefly what you hope to gain and how you would use your Leadership Lee County experience.

REFERENCE LETTERS

Two brief letters of reference are required for application. It is requested to have letters from someone who is knowledgeable of your leadership potential and performances. One of the letters is requested from your nominee, unless self nominated, for this program.

Reference letters should be submitted in a sealed envelope along with the completed application.

If reference letters are not received by July 31, 2017, your application will be considered incomplete.

It is the **applicant's responsibility** to ensure that both reference letters are received by Leadership Lee County.

COMMITMENT

The Leadership Lee County program requires commitment from the participant to ensure the best experience. The expectations of commitment are listed below. Please review and ensure that you are able to meet the requirements prior to submitting the application.

Class Dates:

- Mandatory Kick-off sessions
 - September
 - 1 half day & 1 full day (no overnight stay is required)
- Welcome evening reception
 - Following the half day kick off session
- Nine monthly seminars
 - October- May
 - Typically 3rd Thursday of each month
 - Tentative class dates are attached
 - Final class dates will be posted on www.leadershipleecounty.com by August 1.

Attendance:

- Allowed to miss 2 monthly seminars
- Greater than 2 misses will not receive a diploma from the program
- Participants responsibility to notify Executive Director prior to absence

Community Meetings:

- Attend 1 Board of Education meeting
- Attend 1 City Council meeting **OR** 1 County Commission meeting

Service Project:

- **Goal-** To collaboratively adopt a community project(s), voted on by the class and approved by the board, that positively impacts the community and promotes the mission of Leadership Lee County.
- May require additional meetings and fundraising depending on the project.

Tuition:

- \$25 non- refundable application fee
- \$750 for program (covers the application fee)
- Includes kick off sessions, materials, and meals
- If accepted, full tuition due October 1, 2017

➤ If you are selected as a Leadership Lee County participant the **tuition will be paid by:**

Check one that applies: participant's sponsor participant

I understand the commitment required to participate in the Leadership Lee County Program, and if selected, will devote the necessary time to complete the program.

Applicant's Signature

Date

EMPLOYER/SPONSOR AGREEMENT

The support and commitment of the sponsoring organization/employer is essential for application to the Leadership Lee County program.

Each nominee must obtain the signature of the head of his/her organization as an indication of support.

PRINT

Employer/Sponsor's Name/ Title

Employer/Sponsor Email

Employer/Sponsor Address

Employer/Sponsor Phone #

SIGNATURE

Employer/Sponsor's Signature/ Title

Date

If selected, I will be representing the following company/organization:

COMPANY/ORGANIZATION NAME

In order to be considered for application to the Leadership Lee County class, applicants must complete all items listed on this form. Please check it over carefully for any omissions before submitting. All applications are subject to confidential evaluation by our Selection Committee. Due to the size restrictions of each year's class and the need for diversity in class composition, many qualified candidates may not be chosen for inclusion in the class. However, individuals are strongly encouraged to re-apply in subsequent years.

Submission of Application:

Mail completed application, including reference letters, by **JULY 31, 2017** along with a \$25 application fee to:

Leadership Lee County
ATTN: Lenzie Lane
P.O. Box 1370
Auburn, AL 36831

Notification of Selection:

You will be notified of the Selection Committee's decision by August 31, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact Lenzie Lane at director@leadershipleecounty.com or visit our website at: www.leadershipleecounty.com

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ANNE GRADY SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION *(optional)*

Anne Grady has always embraced community involvement and leadership development. She was inspired by a magazine article in US News and World Report which indicated that the top 20 most successful cities in our country offered community leadership programs. In 1983, in collaboration with the Opelika Chamber of Commerce's Long Range Planning Committee, she began working to establish a premiere community leadership program. She envisioned a program that would encompass a diverse group of citizens from Opelika, Auburn and Lee County who would work together for a common goal- the betterment of our communities. Anne Grady served as Executive Director for 15 years. The Anne Grady Scholarship was named in her honor. The Anne Grady Scholarship is awarded each year in honor of the service of Anne Grady to the Leadership Lee County program. Recipients are selected on the basis of need, demonstrated interest in the community, and potential for future leadership. All applications for the scholarship must be received by July 31, 2017. Applicants will be notified of the scholarship recipient by August 31, 2017.

- 1) Briefly describe the reason that you are requesting financial assistance.
- 2) Please describe your community service including any positions held.
- 3) Please describe any concrete plans that you have for future community service in Lee County.
- 4) How do you think Leadership Lee County will assist you in service to the community?
- 5) Write a brief essay (1 or 2 double spaced, type-written pages) detailing aspects of your personality, goals, and achievements and their relationship to the criteria for the Anne Grady Scholarship for Leadership Lee County. Application essays present you with an opportunity to give members of the selection committee a sense of who you are and to convince them that your goals and strengths closely match the stated purposes of the scholarship. The organization of this essay is up to you, but it is most important that the following are adhered to when writing this essay:
 - a) Emphasize the ways in which the scholarship is the best opportunity to further your personal and professional goals. You need to be able to effectively include the scholarship into your life plans, showing that it builds upon past experiences and will contribute to future achievements.
 - b) Emphasize your qualifications for the scholarship, always having in mind those qualifications mentioned by the scholarship. In identifying these aspects of your career and qualifications also remember to explain how these achievements have prepared you to take advantage of this scholarship
 - c) Keep your essay brief and focused. Clarity and brevity will demonstrate your ability to communicate effectively and will help the review committee to make an informed decision about your application
 - d) Members of the selection committee want to identify and read the "you" in your essay. Don't be afraid to let your personality shine through!

Leadership Lee County selects one (1) Anne Grady Scholarship recipient per class. In the event that your application is not selected for the scholarship, would you and/or your sponsor be willing to incur the cost of tuition that is associated with regular class membership? **Please choose Yes or No**

Yes, my sponsor will be responsible for the cost of tuition (\$750) if I am not selected for the Anne Grady Scholarship, but selected to be in the 2017- 2018 Leadership Lee County class. The sponsor is required to sign below stating they have received the information regarding tuition and are aware of the responsibilities associated with tuition payment.

No, if not selected for the Anne Grady Scholarship, I will not be eligible for the 2017- 2018 Leadership Lee County class.

Applicant's Signature

Name of Sponsoring Agency

Applicant's Printed Name

Sponsor Signature if applicable (see above)