



PREPARING LEADERS TO CREATE BETTER COMMUNITIES

The mission of Leadership Fort Lauderdale is to develop leaders whose goals are to enhance the City of Fort Lauderdale and its business environment through the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce



Deadline to Apply: August 29th

September

Orientation, 9/14/26

Retreat - Leadership Training, 9/25/26

Mandatory Full-Day Session

Orientation, **September 14th**, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Retreat, **September 25th**, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

MONTHLY PROGRAM DATES: 2026 – 2027

2nd Tuesday of Each Month: 8:00 – 5:00 pm

September - May

Dates and times are subject to change

Program Dates

2nd Tuesday of each month

October - May

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Times and dates subject to change.

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CREATING BETTER COMMUNITIES

Since its inception in 1994, over 700 tri-county business leaders have graduated from Leadership Fort Lauderdale. This diverse program has significantly assisted those participants in their understanding of local issues as well as creating a strong bond with fellow graduates.

This has led to their impacting the community with their diversity and improving the quality of life with their continued involvement

THE PROGRAM

The future of our communities depend upon well-informed and involved leaders. Leadership Fort Lauderdale is designed to create better communities by identifying, educating and motivating leaders.

Founded in 1994, the program is sponsored by the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. As a participant in Leadership Fort Lauderdale, you will:

- Develop an awareness of business issues and challenges facing your community and the region.
- Discover your personal leadership strengths, and find new areas where you can make meaningful contributions.
- Increase your ability to articulate a vision of the community and put that vision into action.
- Network with a diverse, regional group of community and business leaders.
- Make a commitment to creating better communities.

CURRICULUM

Leadership Fort Lauderdale is a nationally recognized, innovative approach to providing greater awareness of business issues and training in leadership skills.

Leadership Fort Lauderdale is a nine month program, 2nd Tuesday of each month. The program prepares leaders to work individually and collectively to create better communities.

APPLICATION

Leadership Fort Lauderdale's progressive approach to training knowledgeable leaders requires the commitment and active participation of all class members. Participants will attend eight full-day sessions on the second Tuesday of each month from October through May. The program also includes an orientation and full-day retreat. Regular attendance is mandatory in order to graduate.

Leadership Fort Lauderdale application forms are available from the Chamber office, 512 NE 3rd Avenue, or by calling (954) 462-6000, ext. 8759 or on our website: www.ftlchamber.com, The Chamber, Chamber Groups, Leadership Fort Lauderdale Application.

Applications are accepted each summer for the fall program. Each applicant will be expected to submit an application, along with signed support from his/her employer to attend the program. Approximately 25 men and women from a wide range of interests and backgrounds are selected annually for participation.

LEARN ABOUT THE ISSUES...

In addition to educating participants about Greater Fort Lauderdale and providing leadership skills training, Leadership Fort Lauderdale will address key issues facing the community from a business perspective.

The program will provide an in-depth look at the history and government of Fort Lauderdale; impact of the tourism/hospitality industry; inner workings of the area's infrastructure; legal and educational systems; urban and business development; recreational, cultural and entertainment organizations; and the unique South Florida environment.

DIVERSITY

Your investment in Leadership Fort Lauderdale will yield significant dividends in terms of knowledge, understanding and experience. The program appeals to a diverse audience of active and involved men and women.

- Small business owners, managers and career-minded individuals who want to expand their knowledge of business and community issues and strengthen their involvement in community affairs.
- Individuals from the public sector who seek a broader view of the community and a better understanding of local and regional business issues.
- Concerned community volunteers who aspire to increase their effectiveness in the community.
- Existing and emerging leaders who hope to shape the direction of their community and region.

The Leadership program curriculum will provide broad-based perspectives to familiarize you with the business challenges facing Fort Lauderdale, as well as the community resources available to address those challenges. Experts from a variety of fields will present some of the following topics from a local perspective:

Regional Issues	Government	Government
Economic Development	Education	Education
Future Trends	Human Services	Human Services
Quality of Life	Technology	Technology

SELECTION

Participation in Leadership Fort Lauderdale is open to any Chamber member or non-member interested in maximizing their personal potential to lead.

- Selection is based upon the following criteria:
- Commitment to become more involved in the Community and the Chamber of Commerce.
- Ability to invest time for full and active participation.
- Potential to provide leadership to Fort Lauderdale and Broward County communities.
- Interest in community affairs.



A Program of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce CLASS THIRTY THREE

GENERAL

What do you hope to gain from, and how do you expect to utilize your Leadership Fort Lauderdale experience?

What have you found to be your most challenging community involvement and why? If you have not been involved recently, please explain?

What do you feel are the most pressing problems facing your community today? Explain why and give any recommendations that you may have for approaching and resolving these problems.

Leadership styles vary in different situations. In your opinion, what common traits do all leaders exhibit?

How did you learn about Leadership Fort Lauderdale? What motivated you to apply?

EMPLOYER AUTHORIZATION

I have approved the submission of this application and the financial commitment required to participate in Leadership Fort Lauderdale. I further acknowledge and support the time commitment needed for my employee to graduate as written on the application

Signature of Corporate Sponsor

Title

Name (Typed)

Date

APPLICATION AGREEMENT

Please note: I have cleared my calendar on the appropriate dates. If I am selected to participate, I will attend the required Orientation and Retreat sessions and no fewer than six (6) sessions to complete the program (no exceptions). I fully understand that regular attendance is mandatory in order to graduate.

I also understand that unless other arrangements have been made, the program tuition is due prior to the Orientation session, and I am personally responsible for any portion of the tuition not paid by my employer. Applicants will be notified of their admission status following the review of their application.

Signature

Date

Name (Typed or printed)



Tuition: Chamber Members **\$2100** plus a **\$100** non-refundable application fee which must be submitted with your application for consideration

Non-Chamber members **\$2,700** plus a **\$100** non-refundable application fee.

A professional B&W or color photograph must be sent via email to Dolores@ftlchamber.com or attach a business card to a hard copy and submit following acceptance to the program.

Photos will be used for creating a class directory.

Scan Here to Learn More



APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Applications Are Now Being Accepted Submission Deadline

June 30th, 2026

All applications are confidential. Please provide sufficient information for us to decide your eligibility based on your skills, professional experience, and community involvement. All applications MUST be typed, printed legibly, or printed separately and attached. All others will be returned to applicants. All participants, once selected, MUST attend orientation, retreat and wrap-up and minimum of SIX (6) program days to graduate. (No Exceptions).

PERSONAL

NAME

First Name

Last Name

Years in Fort Lauderdale Area

NAME (AS YOU WISH TO APPEAR ON NAME BADGE)

EMPLOYMENT

Present Employer

Date Began

BUSINESS PHONE

STATE | ZIP

CELLULAR

EMAIL

CITY

FAX

BUSINESS MAILING ADDRESS

TYPE OF BUSINESS

TITLE/POSITION

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Most Rewarding Achievement to date?



OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

(Most Recent)

Employer/Location (City, State)

Position/Responsibilities:

From - To

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AFFILIATIONS, AWARDS AND HONORS

Describe any significant professional, civic religious, academic and/or social affiliations, awards and honors received

ORGANIZATION

POSITION HELD/HONORS RECEIVED

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DESCRIBE YOUR MOST SIGNIFICANT VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT

SCHEDULE OF KEY DATES

Leadership program days will include:

- History
- Local Government & Law
- Environment
- Tourism & Hospitality
- Education
- Health Care & Human Services
- Business & Industry
- Leadership