

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 Extended till
August 22, 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	The Island, Fort Walton Beach

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

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

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

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

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

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Questions? Shelby DeSoto (850) 729-4956 or email: desotos@nwfsc.edu

Application may be submitted by Mail or E-mail.

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