



Leadership Columbia County Class of 2010
“Enhancing and Connecting Local Leaders”
Confidential Application

OUR MISSION: Leadership Columbia County is a dynamic, community-based program designed to develop informed, action-oriented leaders to meet the future challenges of our area.

CRITERIA: For the 2009-10 program year, Leadership Columbia County will add a group of up to **25** diverse individuals to its alumni base. Leadership Columbia County seeks individuals who:

- Demonstrate commitment and interest to serve Columbia County
- Are motivated and interested in new learning, self discovery, learning about the community and team building, then using this experience to better serve their company and the community
- Are willing to commit the time and energy to be fully engaged in all Leadership Columbia County sessions
- Live or work in Columbia County

INSTRUCTIONS: Your application consists of two parts - the written application and the brief interview. All applicants are reviewed on a competitive basis.

- Please print or type legibly. Please limit answers to space provided
- Application must be completed in full and must be signed by candidate and candidate’s employer
- Completed applications must be mailed or delivered to the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, 507 Warren Street, Hudson, NY 12534 by 5 pm on **Friday, July 31, 2009**
- Each applicant will be interviewed by the Leadership Columbia County Steering Committee. Interviews will be held in August 2009. All applicants will be notified by August 10, 2009.

PERSONAL INFORMATION OF CANDIDATE:

Full Name: _____

Preferred First Name/Nickname: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Home email: _____

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:

Business/Organization Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone: _____ Business email: _____

Years in Columbia County: _____

Send mail to: Home Business Preferred email: Home Business

How did you learn about Leadership Columbia County? _____

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED):

Briefly describe your current job responsibilities:

What do you consider your most significant personal or professional achievement?

EDUCATION:

List highest degree of education

Name of School: _____

City/State: _____ Degree: _____

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Please list any civic, professional, or community organizations of which you are presently or have been involved with. Please note any leadership positions held.

Organization	Title/Responsibility	From	To
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

There are many important issues facing Columbia County today. What are two major issues that you personally are concerned about? Explain why these two issues are important to you.

What significant strengths and skills would you bring as a member of Leadership Columbia County?

Why are you applying to this program?

Upon graduation, Leadership Columbia County participants are expected to take on leadership roles in our community. What would you like to work on to improve Columbia County?

SESSIONS:

Opening Retreat: Wednesday, September 16 from 8:30 am to 7:30 pm and Thursday, September 17 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. The sessions will be held at professional meeting rooms in Columbia County. The retreat will be facilitated by noted leadership consultant Harriet Rifkin. Participants will be housed in private rooms at local Bed and Breakfasts and Inns. Overnight accommodations are made for all participants and included in the price of the program.

Day Sessions: Held the third Thursday of each month, October 2009 to May 2010 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

- October 15, 2009 - Agricultural and Business Tour
- November 19, 2009 - Strategic Leadership
- December 17, 2009 - Art, History and Tourism (morning) Healthcare and Wellness (afternoon)
- January 21, 2010 - Creating a Life Balance
- February 18, 2010 - Leading Your Business/Leading Your Community
- March 18, 2010 - Education (morning) Projecting a Professional Presence (afternoon)
- April 15, 2010 - Advanced Leadership Training
- May 20, 2010 - Community Project Day

Graduation Ceremony and Dinner: Thursday, June 17, 2010

REFERENCES:

Please provide two professional references below. These individuals should have knowledge of your qualifications as a potential Leadership Columbia County participant.

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

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ACCEPTANCE & TUITION:

Notification of selection into the Leadership Columbia County Class of 2009-10 will be made by August 10, 2009. Upon acceptance into the Leadership Columbia County Program the tuition of \$850 must be paid in full to the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce no later than August 28, 2009. **Tuition is Non-Refundable.**

A limited number of partial scholarships are available to individuals without a sponsoring organization. If you wish to apply for tuition assistance, please state the amount requested and attach a single sheet detailing your reason for the request.

COMMITMENT:

Attendance at the entire two-day, opening retreat and Graduation Ceremony is **MANDATORY** for participation in the 2009-10 class. The mandatory two-day, overnight retreat will be in September 2009 and the graduation ceremony will be in June 2010.

Attendance at all eight full-day sessions (one Thursday a month from October to May) is **required**. Participants who have more than one absence will not graduate from the program.

SIGNATURES:

CANDIDATE: If selected as a Leadership Columbia County Program participant, I am willing to commit the time necessary to be a contributing member of the class. I understand that I will attend the eight monthly sessions, overnight retreat and graduation ceremony. I also commit to involving myself in the community upon graduation from the program, and allow my name to be given out to community service organizations seeking volunteers.

Candidate's Signature: _____ Date: _____

EMPLOYER: I agree to allow my employee, if accepted, to commit the time necessary to be an active member of the Leadership Columbia County class.

Employer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name, Title, Organization: _____

EMPLOYER/FINANCIAL SPONSOR: Full tuition is \$850. I agree to pay for Leadership Columbia County tuition for the above applicant if he or she is accepted. I understand that tuition is due by Friday, August 28, 2009 and is non-refundable.

Financial Sponsor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name, Title Organization: _____

Send your completed application to: Leadership Columbia County, 507 Warren Street, Hudson, NY 12534. **Deadline is July 31, 2009.**

***"Your job as a leader, first and foremost, is to take charge of your own energy,
and then to help orchestrate the energy of those around you."***

- Peter Drucker