APPLICATION: LEADERSHIP LIVINGSTON 2016-2017

Leadership Livingston fosters community involvement by refining skills and knowledge of existing and emerging leaders in order to connect these leaders with leadership education and opportunity. The program was initiated by Cleary University and the Brighton and Howell Chambers of Commerce in 1992, and modeled after similar leadership development programs operating successfully across the country. It is designed to bring together individuals with diverse backgrounds and experience who have demonstrated a talent for and a commitment to leadership. Through Leadership Livingston, these individuals have an exceptional opportunity to become familiar with the dynamics of today’s social and economic changes, and the impact these changes have on our community. Through discussions with community leaders, experts, and fellow classmates, participants develop an in-depth understanding of the interrelationships and complexities of the current county scene. Through planned interactive experiences, the participants increase their knowledge of important issues and their communication and problem-solving skills.

All sessions are held at Cleary University in Howell, or at community locations relating to the topic. Sessions will be held monthly on Fridays, September through May, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Prior to applying, each applicant should discuss the time commitment with their sponsor/employer and secure sanctioned release time. It is important for participants to attend all nine sessions. If you are unable to make the necessary commitment, it is not in your best interest to apply for the program at this time.

Aside from the regularly scheduled program, participants will gain actual experience by taking part in a community leadership project. This personal involvement enriches the leadership experience. In May, the group will present on the outcome of their project, including observations on the group process.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Leadership Livingston’s goal is to increase the number of informed, civic oriented leaders who are interested in helping direct the future of Livingston County.
- Participants will be challenged to increase their awareness of issues facing the county, and to become actively involved in community problem solving. Through this program they will gain valuable new perspectives.
- This unique experience will enhance the participants’ leadership skills and maximize their contribution to their communities, organizations, and employers.
- Participants will form a core of motivated leaders. Through Leadership Livingston they will become experienced in working together. This will lay the foundation for ongoing communication, cooperation, and community involvement among these leaders.

PARTICIPANT QUALIFICATIONS & SELECTION CRITERIA

Area businesses, public and private agencies, and civic and other organizations are asked to identify and support persons with leadership skills and/or potential for the Leadership Livingston program. To insure broad representation of the county, we encourage applicants from business, government, and community services, as well as from the various communities within the county. Individuals may nominate themselves. Potential participants should demonstrate the following criteria:

- The commitment and motivation to learn about and serve Livingston County.
- The potential to have significant influence on important issues facing the community.
- The ability to make the time commitment required by the program.

Application to Leadership Livingston is open to persons working or living in Livingston County. A maximum of 20 individuals will be accepted. To ensure consideration, we strongly recommend early application.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Please complete each section in full
- Limit answers to available space.
- One letter of recommendation, though not required, will be accepted. No other attachments are required.
- Both the candidate and his/her sponsoring organization or employer must sign the application.
- Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Application deadline is September 1, 2016.
LEADERSHIP LIVINGSTON 2016-2017 APPLICATION

Application Deadline: September 1, 2016

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION
Name__________________________Nickname_________________Male ____Female____
Home Address_____________________________________________Phone (_____)__________________
Business Address___________________________________________Phone (_____)__________________
Fax(_____)________________________________Email Address______________________________
Years in Livingston County____Date of Birth_________Heard about program from________
Are you interested in taking Leadership Livingston for academic credit? _____Yes _____No

II. EDUCATION
Name and City of School Dates From/To Degree Major
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III. EMPLOYMENT
Present Employer_________________________Start Date________________
Title or Responsibility_________________________Since________________
Type of Business______________________________________________________

Previous Employment
Employer Dates From/To Title-Responsibility
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What do you consider your highest responsibility, skills, or career achievement so far?
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IV. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please explain your current community involvement (business, civic, cultural, political, professional, religious, social, etc.).

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What do you consider your most important accomplishment in any of these organizations?

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If you have not previously had the time to become actively involved in the community, what conditions have changed that now enable you to seek involvement?

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V. GENERAL INFORMATION

Please list three persons who are knowledgeable about your leadership performance and potential.

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In your judgment, what are the three most pressing problems facing Livingston County today?

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If selected as a participant, what do you hope to gain from your Leadership Livingston experience?

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ACADEMIC CREDIT

Leadership Livingston graduates may be granted up to six academic credits at Cleary University. The Leadership Livingston certificate is processed through Prior Learning Credit under the option of Directed Training and will be granted provided it does not duplicate previous coursework or training. Current Cleary University students will need to petition for credit once successfully completing the program by submitting a Directed Training form and submitting it to their advisor. A new Cleary University student will also need to complete the online admission application and pay the $25 application fee. For additional information regarding Cleary University, contact the Office of Admissions at admissions@cleary.edu or 800.686.1883.

TUITION

Tuition for the nine month Leadership Livingston program is $800. The tuition covers all texts, course materials, activities, meals and the recognition banquet.

Once accepted into the program, tuition is due by September 9, 2016. Please note that tuition is non-refundable. Should you need reduced tuition, please submit a request for reduced tuition along with an explanation for the request. Every attempt will be made to offer the reduced tuition.

DRESS

Dress for the sessions is business casual attire and should be appropriate for any off-site visits scheduled.

PERSONAL COMMITMENT

Participants are expected to attend all nine sessions, and are required to attend at least eight full days of the sessions to graduate from the program. The first session is mandatory. Please check the session dates below with your calendar. If you are unable to make the necessary commitment, it is not in your best interest to apply for the program at this time. You will also be invited to optional extra events.

I have read about the importance of attending the Leadership Livingston sessions. I understand the purpose of Leadership Livingston and, if selected, will devote the necessary time and energy required to complete the program.

Signature: ______________________________________________

SPONSOR/EMPLOYER COMMITMENT

___ Our organization will allow the release time required by this Leadership Livingston participant for all 2016-2016 sessions.

Session dates (mostly Fridays) are:

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<td>December 9, 2016</td>
<td>March 17, 2017</td>
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<td>April 20, 2017 (THURSDAY)</td>
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<td>November 18, 2016</td>
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___ Our organization will pay the $800 tuition for this Leadership Livingston participant by September 9, 2016 by check to Cleary University at address below or call for credit card payment.

Organization Name:_________________________________________ Date:_________________________

Signature:_________________________________________ Title:_________________________

Return Completed Form to:
Leadership Livingston Program Director at Cleary University
3750 Cleary Drive
Howell, MI 48843

Questions? Call 517.586.3002 or email gfarley@cleary.edu