

LEADERSHIP LIVINGSTON 2010-2011

Leadership Livingston is a series of sessions designed to expand the community leadership potential existing in Livingston County. 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 on the third Friday of each month, 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. Participants will divide into small groups and select a community service project to complete. This personal involvement enriches the leadership experience. In May, each group will present on the outcome of their project, including observations on the group process.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Leadership Livingston 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, 2010.

LEADERSHIP LIVINGSTON 2010-2011 APPLICATION

Application Deadline: September 1, 2010

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?

IV. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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

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

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?

V. GENERAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

ACADEMIC CREDIT

Leadership Livingston may be taken for academic credit. Interested participants must complete the Cleary University admission process, which includes a written application and a \$25 fee. Participants who successfully complete the program will earn six credits through the Directed Training category.

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 3, 2010. 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 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.

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 2010-2011 sessions. Session dates (all Fridays) are:

September 17, 2010	December 10, 2010**	March 18, 2011
October 15, 2010	January 21, 2011	April 15, 2011
November 19, 2010	February 18, 2011	May 20, 2011

**=second Friday due to commencement activities at Cleary

____ Our organization will pay the \$800 tuition for this Leadership Livingston participant by September 10, 2010.

Organization Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Title: _____

Return Completed Form to:

Program Director
Leadership Livingston
3750 Cleary Drive
Howell, MI 48843

Questions? Call 517.586.3004