



Leadership Fort Collins

*Building leaders of today
to address the challenges of tomorrow.*



Leadership Fort Collins, a program of the Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce, was established in 1981 to inform participants about the history, government, economy, social issues, needs and opportunities in our community. The goal of the program is to educate and motivate leaders who are committed to shaping the future of our community.

The program is designed to:

- Broaden participants' knowledge of the community and enhance their leadership skills.
- Encourage participants to contribute to the betterment of our community.
- Increase the strength and effectiveness of our community leaders.
- Equip participants to respond to the current and future challenges of the community.
- Provide opportunities for direct contact with influential people, businesses and organizations.

Important Information

- **Applicants must (1)** reside and/or be employed in the Fort Collins area and **(2)** be at least 21 years of age at the time of application.
- **Leadership Fort Collins requires full participation.** Only those willing to thoughtfully and completely fill out an application, participate in a class project and attend and participate in all nine (9) program sessions need apply. The class will meet on the second Thursday of the month from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from September through May with the February session being on February 11 from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- **Class members are expected to attend each session in its entirety and will be required to spend additional time outside of class (10-20 hours) completing projects.**
- **Session topics throughout the year include:** Growth, Environment and Community Planning; Local Government; Public Safety and Community Assistance; Economic Development and Small Business Assistance; Health Care; History, Diversity and Community Betterment; Education and Life-Long Learning; and Teambuilding and Leadership Development. Session topics may be revised by the Steering Committee to best serve the needs and goals of the participants.
- **The tuition** for the nine-month program is \$650 and covers all meals, session materials and graduation recognition. The tuition is due on October 8, 2015 and may be paid by the applicant, by the applicant's employer or sponsor, or a combination thereof.
- Membership in the Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce is not a requirement for participation in the program.
- All applicants not selected for the 2015-2016 program may apply for a future Leadership Fort Collins class, but applications are not held from year to year or automatically resubmitted.
- *The 2015-2016 Leadership Fort Collins program is being sponsored by the amazing people at Soukup, Bush & Associates CPA.*

**See reverse for application. Please contact Ann Hutchison at the Chamber with questions.
Phone: (970) 482-3746 Email: ahutchison@fcchamber.org
APPLICATION DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2015 AT 5 PM.**

2015-2016 Leadership Fort Collins Application

Leadership Fort Collins, established in 1981, is a program of the Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce

Deadline: Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 5pm

Name: _____ Employer: _____

Title: _____ E-mail: _____

Business Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Business Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Fax: _____

How long have you lived and/or worked in the Fort Collins Area: _____

1. Attach to this completed application: *your resume AND your answers to the essay questions below. Incomplete applications (those which lack either of the above two attachments) will not be considered.*
2. This form may be downloaded from www.FortCollinsChamber.com.
3. Submit your application to the Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce by email (ahutchison@fcchamber.org) fax (970-482-3774) or mail/delivery (225 S. Meldrum, Fort Collins, CO, 80521).

The Steering Committee will provide an excellent program for the benefit of the participants. It is understood that any applicant accepted for the program will attend all the sessions in their entirety. Please review the schedule below and take into consideration your time commitments before applying.

Session 1	Thursday, September 10, 2015	Session 5	Thursday, January 14, 2016
Session 2	Thursday, October 8, 2015	Session 6	Thursday, February 11, 2016
Session 3	Thursday, November 12, 2015	Session 7	Thursday, March 10, 2016
Session 4	Thursday, December 10, 2015	Session 8	Thursday, April 14, 2016
Session 9	Thursday, May 12, 2016 (daytime programming & evening graduation)		

As well, class members are expected to spend approximately 10-20 hours outside of class working on the class project.

▶ *I will attend all sessions if selected:* ___Yes ___No _____

Applicant Signature *Date*

▶ *I am aware of the attendance commitment required by LFC and will allow my employee to be away from work as required by the program.* _____

Employer Signature *Date*

Essay Questions. Limit of 150 words per essay question.

1. Why do you want to be a part of Leadership Fort Collins?
2. What do you believe are the most important issues facing Fort Collins and what role does leadership serve in solving these challenges?
3. What specific skills/knowledge do you hope to gain from participating in Leadership Fort Collins, and how will you use the skills/knowledge to benefit the community?
4. What strengths would you bring to the Leadership Fort Collins program?
5. Briefly describe a recent experience working in a group environment. Describe how you used your leadership skills in that environment.
6. **Optional Question:** Tuition is \$650 per person and covers all meals, session materials, graduation recognition and administration costs of the program. *Leadership Fort Collins* will be providing partial scholarship opportunities for individuals participating in the 2015-2016 program. In order to be considered for a scholarship, state how much you are requesting in assistance and why you qualify for this assistance.