

# Leadership Lafourche

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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for considering participation in our program.

Leadership Lafourche is a leadership immersion program designed to train cross-sections of Lafourche residents and workers for productive roles focused on the future and well-being of our parish, institutions, and communities. Graduating its first class in 1993, Leadership Lafourche has trained and inspired hundreds of your friends, neighbors, colleagues, and officials toward this singular goal.

Leadership Lafourche is a tuition-based program subsidized by private and corporate donations. As a participant in Leadership Lafourche, your individual tuition will be \$700. A committee of our leadership graduates will review all applications and select a class of up to 25 members as the *Leadership Class of 2010*. The application deadline for this class is October 1, 2009, and selection will be announced within two weeks. Tuition for participants will be due on Friday, October 23, 2009.

To ensure your investment in leadership training, the program adheres to a strict attendance policy, which is explained in the application. For this reason, you must seek the full cooperation and understanding of your employer and family before considering application. Program dates that require your attendance include an evening reception, a two-day retreat, six day-long sessions, and an evening banquet as follows:

Tuesday, November 3, 2009 – Welcoming Reception  
Friday, November 13 & Saturday, November 14, 2009 – Leadership Retreat  
Tuesday, December 8, 2009 – *Session 1*: Leadership Styles  
Tuesday, January 12, 2010 – *Session 2*: History/Culture  
Tuesday, February 9, 2010 – *Session 3*: Education/Community Service  
Tuesday, March 9, 2010 – *Session 4*: Government/Law Enforcement/Judicial  
Tuesday, April 13, 2010 – *Session 5*: Environment/Economic Development  
Tuesday, May 11, 2010 – *Session 6*: Visioning/Leadership  
Tuesday, May 16, 2010 – Graduation Banquet

Applications and further information can be obtained from the address below, as well as from the office of the Chamber of Lafourche in Larose and the Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce in Thibodaux.

We hope you share our enthusiasm about our future. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. John P. Doucet  
Leadership Lafourche  
Chairman of the Board, 1997-98 and 2007-10

# **LEADERSHIP LAFOURCHE**

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## **CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR SELECTION**

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Type or print in black ink. It is important that each section be fully completed. If a section does not apply, please note NOT APPLICABLE and state reasons. Limit answers to the space available. No attachments allowed. Applications must be signed and returned by the date specified in the cover letter.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Participation in Leadership Lafourche is open to persons with residence or employment in Lafourche Parish. Classes typically will consist of approximately 30 individuals. Because the number of appointments is limited, applicants who are not selected are encouraged to reapply in subsequent years.

Participants in Leadership Lafourche will be chosen by the Leadership Lafourche Selection Committee based upon the information provided in this application. The Committee will be seeking representation from a demographic cross-section of the Parish. Participants will be community leaders and potential community leaders active in business, education, the arts, religion, government, law, media, labor, community-based organizations, and ethnic and/or minority groups, and will reflect the diversity of the Parish.

Applicants must have the full support of the organization or corporation they represent.

Attendance at the retreats and monthly sessions is mandatory. Any participant missing the opening retreat or the closing ceremony or more than one of the six full-day programs will be automatically dropped from the program, and no portion of the tuition shall be refunded.

### **CONFIDENTIALITY**

All material included in this application will be held in confidence. The applications will be reviewed only by the Selection Committee.



Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Assignment/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe Responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have additional significant community, civic, religious, government, political, social, athletic, or other areas of active involvement, please describe below.

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Are there any important contributions or achievements in any of the above which you consider significant, and what was your role in the accomplishment?

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**III. EMPLOYMENT**

Present title or position, if employed or self-employed (if not employed skip to IV):

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Briefly describe your responsibilities in your present employment:

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Which of the following categories best describe your present position?

Social Service \_\_\_\_\_ Government \_\_\_\_\_ Labor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Business & Industry \_\_\_\_\_ Media \_\_\_\_\_  
 Education \_\_\_\_\_ Medical \_\_\_\_\_ Law \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Professional Affiliations (if any)  
 (Not including civic organizations, public office, or political activities):

<u>Name of Group</u>	<u>Positions Held or Assignments</u>	<u>Period of Affiliation</u>
_____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____	_____ to _____
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Employment Record  
 (Current or past, if not now employed)

List in reverse chronology (last position first):

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Period of Service</u>
_____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____	_____ to _____

**IV. EDUCATION**

College: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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List any activities, offices and recognitions for special contributions during your educational years:

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**V. SELF-DISCOVERY (Do not be modest. Limit answers in space provided).**

What do you consider your greatest personal or career achievement? \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe what you believe to be your most significant contribution to the community (include former communities).

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What would you like to contribute to Lafourche Parish and your local community?

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What do you hope to gain from participation in LEADERSHIP LAFOURCHE? \_\_\_\_\_

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**VI. COMMITMENT TO PROGRAM PARTICIPATION**

The Leadership Lafourche program consists of an opening retreat, six full-day programs scheduled on weekdays about one month apart, and a closing graduation program. Locations of the programs vary throughout the Parish. Attendance is critical.

Do you have the full support of your employer for the time required to participate in Leadership Lafourche this year?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

To graduate from Leadership Lafourche, attendance at the opening retreat, the graduation program and a minimum of 5 of the 6 full-day programs is required. Are you willing to commit to this attendance requirement?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If you cannot fulfill this attendance requirement but feel there are extraordinary circumstances, please explain:

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Do you need to be considered for a partial scholarship for the program?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Lafourche is limited to approximately 30 participants per year. In the event that you are not accepted to the current leadership class, would you consider reapplying for the following year's class?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If personal or employment circumstances limit your possible participation in the current class, please explain.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION SHOULD BE MAILED TO:

**LEADERSHIP  LAFOURCHE**

P.O. Box 1462  
Larose, LA 70373-1462