

**INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS LEADERSHIP RUTHERFORD APPLICATION, 2011-12
CLASS YEAR**

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Be sure to review this document before filling out your application form.

LEADERSHIP RUTHERFORD PROGRAM BENEFITS AND REQUIREMENTS

Benefits of Class Membership Leadership Rutherford's annual program identifies and trains future leaders to use their skills and energy in community service to benefit Rutherford County.

The training includes:

- An introductory team-building retreat
- Nine full class days, on the second Tuesday of each month, addressing such themes as critical issues, economic development, education, communication, government, health, agriculture and environment and quality of life and diversity.
- Travel throughout the county to visit a number of businesses and facilities.
- Access to as many as 60 county leaders who participate as speakers and presenters during the course of the program.
- In-depth leadership training with development of a personal leadership model
- Network development:
 - Community contacts
 - Trusted friends among class members.
 - Participation in community leadership.

Program Requirements : Attendance Policy (please review carefully) Attendance is mandatory for the retreat in late August, all subsequent program days, and graduation.

A typical program day begins at 8 a.m. and concludes at 4:30 p.m.

Ideally, each participant will attend all sessions of each program. Anyone missing more than eight hours will not graduate. However, they may return the following program year and make up the hours missed at no additional cost. Those making up the time will graduate at the end of the program in that subsequent year.

APPLICATION GOALS

Class members will be selected on the basis of: employment/professional experience, community or school involvement, geographic representation, job sector, and diversity.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

APPLICATION

- Applicants must fill out the form included in this packet according to the instructions provided.
 - The completed form may be submitted by email (jrpub@gmail.com), or US mail to Leadership Rutherford, PO Box 794 , Forest City, NC 28043.
 - The completed form must be received by the Leadership Rutherford Board of Directors no later than 5 p.m. on June 24, 2011.

INITIAL REVIEW

- Members of the Leadership Rutherford Board of Directors will review all valid applications and select applicants in June.

NOTIFICATION

- Applicants will be notified by mail as to whether or not they have been selected.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The application must be complete and accurate: all blanks not noted as optional must be filled in or marked N/A.

At least two essay questions must be answered fully

All requested recommendations, permissions, etc. must be present when the form is submitted. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications found to contain false information will be disqualified.

Only those letters postmarked, faxes date-stamped, or emails sent, before that date/time may be accepted.

TUITION AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Each applicant selected for class membership will be responsible for paying the appropriate tuition: \$500 for adults or \$250 for high school students.
- Financial assistance may be available in case of need.
- A separate scholarship application may be downloaded from the Leadership Rutherford website.
- Scholarship applicants must provide the reason for need.
- Scholarship applications must be completed and submitted together with the class application form.
- Scholarships will be announced with class membership selections.
- Some companies will pay employees' tuition for Leadership Rutherford. Contact your supervisor to learn your company's policy.

LEADERSHIP RUTHERFORD APPLICATION POLICIES

Sponsoring industries, schools, clubs, and other organizations may submit one application each. Such groups having more than one applicant must screen all applications internally and submit a single application for consideration. Standard LR application requirements apply.

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