

2009-2010 Leadership Okaloosa

Summary

Leadership Okaloosa is an esteemed leadership training and development program with a 20 year history of being a vital part of Okaloosa County's growth and development of its leaders. This 10 month experience is designed to enhance the participant's leadership skills and provide community awareness. Hosted from September to June, participants receive classroom training by a certified instructor and are given opportunities to interact with various key community leaders throughout the process. Tours of area businesses such as the Northwest Florida Regional Airport and Eglin Air Force Base provide participants with an understanding of working of the community. Additionally, each participant takes part in a group project to benefit the community while focusing on project management, time management and team building skills. Another important aspect of Leadership Okaloosa is the networking relationships forged that lead to long lasting personal and professional relationships. Leadership Okaloosa is hosted by the Northwest Florida State College Leadership Institute on behalf of the Crestview Area Chamber of Commerce, Destin Area Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, Niceville-Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce.

Benefits to the Participant

- Learn leadership training and development
- Network with others in the community
- Equipped and motivated to assume leadership roles in the community
- Opportunity to interact with community leaders
- Develop an awareness of the area community and its needs
- Awareness of the Legislative process

Application Criteria

Applications are accepted between June 1 and the middle of August each year. Class sizes range from 25 – 50 participants per year. Leadership Okaloosa seeks participants who have:

- Demonstrate leadership qualities in their job
- Participate in the community and desire to better our community through active leadership
- Commitment of necessary time and effort to complete Leadership Okaloosa
- Represent a cross section of the population
- High standards of personal integrity
- Interested in networking with others in the community

Nominations - Accepted June 1 – August 7, 2009

Each applicant will be notified of their status by August 21, 2009

Graduation Requirements:

Attend eight of nine training classes, Tallahassee Legislative Days trip and participate and complete class project to be eligible for graduation. Make up options available.

Tuition Fee - \$800

The fee includes coffee and lunch during monthly training classes, Leadership book and materials, Graduation Celebration for participant and a guest to attend, Tallahassee Legislative Days transportation and dinner (hotel room no covered by fee, but a group rate will be secured).

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2009-2010 Schedule (tentative)

September 29, 2009	Orientation
October 27, 2009	Training Day
November 17, 2009	Training Day
December 15, 2009	Training Day
January 26, 2010	Training Day
February 23, 2010	Training Day
March 23 & 24	Tallahassee Legislative Days (tentative)
April 27, 2010	Training Day
May 25, 2010	Training Day
June 29, 2010	Graduation Celebration

Tentative Class time – 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. (September 29 class will be held from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.).
Classes will be held at the Northwest Florida State College Niceville campus in Building K or the Learning Resources Center.

Field Trip Schedule

March 23 & 24	Tallahassee Legislative Days
TBD	Eglin AFB
TBD	Tourism Day

NOTE: This is a tentative schedule and is subject to change.