

***Destin Forward***  
***Building our future leaders one member at a time!***

Up to 25 business professionals will be accepted into Destin Forward. The program will begin in late August and end with graduation in May. The program is designed to provide a hands-on learning experience into the issues facing the Destin community on a day-to-day basis. Participants will learn from experts in many different fields, including the environment, boat safety, tourism promotion, and government affairs.

***Tentative Program Agenda***

(subject to change before the beginning of the program)

August – Meet & Greet, Team Building (2 days)	January – City of Destin Day
September – Water Ways Day	February – Development/Real Estate Day
October – Tourism Day	March – A Trip to Tallahassee
November – Environmental Day	April – Planned By Class
December – Arts, Culture, Non-profit Day	May - Graduation

***Destin Forward***  
***Application for Acceptance***

Please type or print. Illegible, incomplete, or unsigned applications will not be accepted.

***PERSONAL INFORMATION***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gender M F                      Age \_\_\_\_\_

***CURRENT EMPLOYMENT***

Present Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

***PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT***

Employer	Position	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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***PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS/CIVIC/ACTIVITIES/HONORS/  
COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT***

**(Begin with the most recent activities)**

**Organization**

**Dates**

**Positions Held/Honor**

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Please keep answers limited to the space provided.

**Describe your participation in activities of the Destin Area Chamber of Commerce?**

**What do you consider to be the one highlight or accomplishment so far in your career?**

**What main issue do you think faces the Destin community? What would you do to address this?**

**Why are you interested in participating in Destin Forward?**

**Why should you be accepted into Destin Forward?**

**What do you expect to gain from Destin Forward?**

### **PARTICIPATION**

Successful completion of Destin Forward requires attendance at the opening session/retreat, attendance at 80% of the classes, and participation in a class project. Classes will take place once per month from September through May, and require a full day's participation. Extra curricular activities include:

- Attending one Destin City Council meeting
- Attending one Destin Area Chamber of Commerce board meeting
- Attending one Destin Harbor Association meeting
- Attending one Citizens for Good Leadership meeting
- Attending one Destin Area Chamber of Commerce Business 2 Business Breakfast
- Attending one Destin Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours
- Completing 10 hours of service to a board, organization, or event in which you are not previously involved

Extra credit opportunities will be available if the above requirements are not met. All extra credit must be approved by the Destin Forward committee.

To be accepted into Destin Forward, both you and your supervisor/manager **MUST** sign this application acknowledging the above requirements and accepting responsibility to participate.

### **TUITION**

Tuition for Destin Forward is \$650 for chamber members, \$800 for non-members (includes a one-year individual membership). Tuition will be billed to you at acceptance into the class and

must be paid by August 16, 2010, or you will not be permitted to participate. Tuition fees are non-refundable after the beginning of the program.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Partial scholarships may be available. If you wish to apply for assistance, please submit a letter in a separate document from this application requesting tuition assistance. The letter should include:

- Why you are asking for assistance
- Confirming your company will pay the balance of tuition due
- If your participation is contingent on this scholarship.

Letters should be addressed to Destin Forward Scholarship Committee, c/o Destin Area Chamber of Commerce, 4484 Legendary Drive, Suite A, Destin, FL, 32541.

### **ACCEPTANCE**

Acceptance letters should be mailed to you the week of June 21, 2010.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I acknowledge and understand the requirements for Destin Forward and commit to allowing \_\_\_\_\_ to fully participate.

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**Supervisor/Manager Signature**

**Date**

**Printed Name**

I acknowledge and understand the requirements for Destin Forward and commit to full participation. I understand that submitting this application in no way guarantees my acceptance into Destin Forward. I understand that excessive absences from sessions can result in being dropped from the class and that no fees are refundable.

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**Applicant Signature**

**Date**

***Deadline for submission is May 24, 2010***

**Completed applications should be mailed to Destin Forward, c/o Destin Area Chamber of Commerce, 4484 Legendary Drive, Suite A, Destin, FL, 32541.**