

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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

***PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS/CIVIC/ACTIVITIES/HONORS/
COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT***

(Begin with the most recent activities)

Organization

Dates

Positions Held/Honor

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 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 \$680 for chamber members, \$850 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 14, 2009, 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 July 20, 2009.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

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.

Applicant Signature

Date

Deadline for submission is Aug. 3, 2009.

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