



2009 Application

LEADERSHIP

CAPE CORAL

Discovering Our Community Today.
To Lead Our Community Tomorrow.



Leadership Class of 2008



Application Due By Friday, June 26, 2009

WHAT IS CAPE CORAL LEADERSHIP?

Effective Leadership is a key element in any successful community. Continually developing and encouraging the participation of new leaders is essential in developing fresh ideas and perspectives while ensuring a continuity of leaders for the future

Leadership Cape Coral is a thirteen week program for an adult that educates the participants about the components that make up Cape Coral. The various program days include team building, public safety, education, government, cultural opportunities, infrastructure, corrections, public services, and parks and recreation. These program days are organized and chaired by recent past graduates of the program so that they can share their knowledge concerning the various days.

There have been over 400 graduates of the program since the charter year in 1993. Many of these graduates become a part of *Cape Coral Leadership Alumni* and often go on to the *Advanced Leadership Cape Coral program* with a focus on developing and enhancing management and leadership skills. The final tier of leadership education is with our strategic partner Council for Progress (CFP). CFP has a *Cape Coral Community Trustee program*, which is by invitation and helps participants discover areas where they can assume community leadership roles.

Today, our leadership graduates are contributing to vital areas of the community such as; leadership roles in government from the City Council to the State of Florida, community organizations like American Cancer Society, Easter Seals, and Junior Achievement, and leadership with our largest employers. It is not uncommon for our leadership graduates to see the value and feel the need to pass along the gift of leadership by participating in our *Cape Coral Jr. Leadership program*. Without a doubt the Chamber of Commerce of Cape Coral has one of the most comprehensive leadership programs in Florida.

It is simple to participate, just fill out the application and return it to the Chamber with your check. If you require a payment plan we do have limited opportunities. All participation fees, meals, transportation, and special attire are included in the tuition.

CAPE CORAL LEADERSHIP VALUES:

- In practicing **integrity**, we will strive to be honest, respectful, ethical, fair and authentic. We will act in a professional manner consistent with community expectations.
- In practicing **service**, we understand our roles as representatives of the Leadership Cape Coral programs. We will endeavor to practice humility, to make things better for others, and to treat others as we want to be treated. We will offer criticism in a constructive manner.
- In creating **unity of purpose**, we will practice cooperation and teamwork to the betterment of our programs and community.
- Towards being **responsible**, we will master the elements of our assignments, meet deadlines, smooth transitions between changes in leadership, be solution-oriented and do more than what is expected. We will follow through with our commitments and be reliable. We will be accountable for our actions.

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BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION *(Quotes from past Leadership graduates)*

- Leadership Cape Coral prepares you for community leadership by *heightening awareness of key issues affecting our community.*
- Offers *interaction with prominent community leaders* who influence our daily lives.
- *Empowers you to change your life*, be more than you were going to be.
- Learn how to *enhance creative problem solving and team building skills.*
- Let's you *explore long-term opportunities* for community involvement.
- Establishes a *professional network, and life-long friendships.*

THIS PROGRAM IS IDEAL FOR, BUT NOT LIMITED TO...

- Managers who are relatively new to the community and who will benefit by knowing the resources available locally.
- Those who will benefit from learning the dynamics of working with a diverse group of people in terms of age, occupations, gender, race and geographical backgrounds, etc.
- A new business owner who is relatively new to the community who also will benefit from first-hand knowledge of key people, agencies and other businesses.
- Natives of the area who feel they need and want a deeper understanding of how the community works.
- Employees who have responsibilities that include knowledge of various government, educational and other organizations.
- Anyone who has an interest in the dynamics of leadership and management.

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

After graduation, the participants will have a heightened respect for and knowledge of the community, providing an additional resource for the business owner. In addition, the employer gets an employee who has been exposed to many different ideas in the fields of management and leadership.

So, Apply Today & Un-Lock Your Leadership Potential!

Class Size Is Limited To 30 Participants

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GENERAL QUESTIONS

Please tell us about yourself: past employment, special interests, education...

How many hours do you commit to various volunteer activities each month?

____ Professional ____ Civic ____ Religious ____ Social ____ Other

Please list in order of importance to you, as many as five community, civic, professional, business religious, social, athletic and other organization in which you are or have been a member.

Organization

Years Involved

Position Held

If you had a magic wand, what would you do to improve Cape Coral?

Describe an important goal in your life and what steps you are taking to achieve that goal.



Tentative Agenda

Each session will consist of forums, seminars, and field trips that have been custom designed to explore the many challenges and opportunities facing the community leaders of tomorrow. Although start and end times are all different, please plan your calendars to begin at 8:30am and completing at 5:00pm.

Transportation will be provided for the days in which we will be traveling to multiple locations.

Session One – Kick Off (Mandatory)	Friday, August 14, 2009 1:00 PM – Saturday, August 15, 2009 11:00 AM
Session Two – Made In Cape Coral Day	Thursday, August 20, 2009
Session Three – Media Day	Thursday, August 27, 2009
Session Four – Health Care Day	Thursday, September 3, 2009
Session Five – City Government day	Thursday, September 10, 2009
Session Six – Industry Appreciation Luncheon	Friday, September 18, 2009
Session Seven – Sheriff’s Day	Thursday, September 24, 2009
Session Eight – Public Safety Day	Thursday, October 1, 2009
Session Nine – Mosquito Control/Airport Day	Thursday, October 8, 2009
Session Ten – Education Day	Thursday, October 15, 2009
Session Eleven – Infrastructure Day	Thursday, October 22, 2009
Session Twelve – Real Estate Day	Thursday, October 29, 2009
Session Thirteen – Arts & Entertainment Day	Thursday, November 5, 2009
Graduation	Friday, November 13, 2009

Dates are unlikely to change, however venues may change do to availability.



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EMPLOYER/SPONSOR AUTHORIZATION

I have approved the submission of this enrollment form, the time and financial commitment required to participate in this program.

Name _____ Date _____
(Please Print)

Signature of Sponsor _____ Title _____

REFUND EXPECTATION

As there are start up costs associated with the program such as shirts, name badges, meals and overnight fees, any refunds requested after 8/1/2009 will reflect the appropriate startup costs deducted from the investment.

Signature _____ Date _____
(Participant Signature)

Tuition for Leadership Cape coral is \$1,200.00

Payments submitted with your application will be processed immediately following your acceptance to the program.

Bill my: VISA MasterCard Discover American Express
 Check Enclosed Invoice Me

Account # _____ Exp Date _____

Signature _____

Make Checks Payable to: ***Chamber of Commerce of Cape Coral***

For more information or questions,
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Please mail or deliver original application form to

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