

Leadership Orange County Signature Program

Our Mission

To bring together diverse leaders to address community needs, strength leadership skills and empower them to make a difference in the community

About Us

Leadership Orange County is Managed by the Orange County Chamber of Commerce.

Each year Leadership Orange selects a diverse group of outstanding adults who either live or work in Orange County to take part in an educational leadership program. Over an 8- month period, class participants receive training on topics important to the residents and businesses of Orange County, including: Agriculture, Industry and Economic Development, Health Care, Education, Law and Justice, Government. This training provides participants with an in-depth understanding of the many challenges and opportunities within Orange County and thus enables them to better serve their communities going forward.

Beginning in October, classes meet the first Wednesday of every month and graduate in May. The full-day program includes educational presentations, role playing, and round table discussion. All topics presented by leaders of Orange County. Within their first few months in the program, students are challenged with putting their knowledge to work through fundraising, community service, class projects and much more – all with the goal of improving the quality of life in Orange County.

The Leadership Orange Signature Program has a one-time tuition fee of \$175 for Chamber members and \$195 for non-Chamber members. The fee includes all course materials and session lunches. Selection for the program is competitive and each applicant is evaluated based on written application.

Enroll

Signature Leadership Orange: The Program and Application Process

The Signature Leadership Orange program brings outstanding adults, with a variety of backgrounds from across Orange County together to take part in an educational leadership program.

Leadership Orange seeks individuals who:

- Are at least 18 years of age and live and/or work in Orange County.
- Are committed, motivated, and eager to serve in volunteer, appointed or elected leadership roles in Orange County.

- Can commit the time and energy to complete the program and continue to serve the community.
- Have demonstrated community or career achievement appropriate to age and experience.
- Represent a cross- section of business, professions, organizations, government, education, socio-economic, ethnic backgrounds, age, and geographic areas throughout Orange County.
- Are committed to staying actively involved in the county

Attendance

In addition, the opening and orientation, the time commitment includes 8 sessions as well as full participation in a group project completed outside of class. Attendance at all sessions is expected and participants who miss two sessions will need to withdraw from the program without graduating.

Planned 2020-2021 Leadership Class Schedule

Orientation and Leadership Challenge Course

October 2020

Introduction and Ice Breaker

Low Ropes Course

Lunch

Local wine presentation and socializing

Class project brainstorming

Agricultural Day

November 2020

Tour of winery

Tour of Dairy Farm

Hemp Farm

Horses

Brewery

Ag Commissioner

Industry and Economic Development

December 2020

Orange County Economic Development

Real Estate

Tour manufacturing company

Tour distribution company

Tourism

Planning and zoning

Health Care

January 2021

Orange County EMS

Coroner's Office

Hospital

Dogwood

Virginia Legislative Day

February 2021

Attend Senate Committee Meeting

Attend House Committee Meeting

Lunch at the Capital Building

Governor's Mansion Tour

Law and Justice Day

March 2021

Detention Center Tour

Police Chief/Dog Sniffer

Emergency Management

Commonwealth Attorney

Education Day

April 2021

Germanna Community College

Superintendent Orange County Schools

Alternative to Public Education

 Germanna center for Advanced Technology

 Charter Schools

 Home Schooling

Graduation

May 2021

Ready to apply?

Once you complete and submit your application, the selection committee will meet and select the new class. Candidates will be notified thereafter of their acceptance Applications must be submitted no later than September 1 of each year.

Address: _____

Telephone(____) _____ - _____ Fax: (____) _____ - _____

Employment date: _____ Your Title: _____

Responsibilities: _____

Previous Position(s) held within the last 10 years:

Personal Background

What do you consider your highest professional achievement or list special awards received to date?

Education

Begin with most recent and include high school or equivalent, college(s), and any postgraduate studies:

School Name & Location	Dates	Degree Awarded	Major/Other Details

Volunteer Activities and Community Involvement

What have you done anywhere, anytime, that demonstrates your commitment to your community? Include work for schools, neighborhoods, political campaigns, religious groups, cultural, athletic, professional, and business activities:

Organization	Your Title/Position	Responsibilities	Dates

During the past year, how many hours per month (on average) did you devote to volunteer work? _____

Open Answer Questions (Please use separate sheet & type response in 12 pt. type)

1. (1/2-page maximum response) Describe one of your professional ambitions. Explain what you hope to achieve and the benefits of that ambition. What specific skills would you like increased emphasis on during your Leadership Orange experience which would help you to achieve this professional goal?
2. (1-page maximum response) What do you consider to be the two most significant challenges facing the Orange community today? Choose one, explain why it is so significant, and give your recommendations for addressing and resolving this problem/opportunity.

Applicant Agreement

I understand that Leadership Orange is a leadership training and development program, as well as a leadership network coalition. Graduates of Leadership Orange are expected to maintain involvement in the program and to continue to participate as leaders both in the community and in Leadership Orange's alumni committees and programs. If selected to participate, I agree to pay in full for the entire non-refundable tuition, commit the time required for the program, and meet the attendance requirements.

Tuition is payable in advance.

Signature: _____ Date: _____