



LEADERSHIP LODI
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2011 Class Application

Sponsored by the Lodi District Chamber of Commerce

and



Purpose of Leadership Lodi

Since its beginning in 1990, Leadership Lodi has been designed to inspire and motivate Lodi area citizens to achieve higher levels of leadership responsibility. The ten-month program provides participants with the necessary information to understand the complexities of the Lodi community. In addition, the program will provide students with the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with current community leaders. Participants will discuss, explore, and learn about topics such as leadership dynamics, government, education, law, agribusiness, economic development, health, and the arts.

Who Should Apply?

Leadership Lodi applicants should be seeking to enhance their leadership potential, increase their knowledge of the community, and be willing to commit their individual talents for future years for the betterment of the community of Lodi. Graduates of the program include individuals from a wide cross-section of the Lodi community, including representatives from both large and small businesses.

Commitment

Participants attend eight full-day class sessions held on the second Tuesday of each month. Additionally, class members must participate in the class project selected at a mandatory two-day retreat (the final weekend of March), and attend three community meetings. In order to graduate from the program, no more than two class days may be missed and “made up”. Partial day attendance counts as an absence.

Tuition

Leadership Lodi is an educational program sponsored by the Lodi District Chamber of Commerce, a nonprofit organization. Tuition for Leadership Lodi is \$800 per student – a \$100 down-payment which must accompany the application, and \$700 which will be billed later. The fees may be paid by the participant, by the employer, or through a sponsor and is due upon acceptance. The Lodi Chamber of Commerce accepts payment via check, Visa, and MasterCard. Down-payments of individuals who are not selected will be refunded. Fees are a tax-deductible education expense.

Selection of Participants

The Leadership Lodi Steering Committee is charged with selecting a diverse group for each yearly class. Membership or past involvement with the Lodi District Chamber of Commerce does not ensure acceptance in the program.

Application Deadline

The application deadline for enrollment is the last Friday of November. Appointments for personal interviews will be made throughout December, with class selection made at the end of the year.

To ensure your enrollment, please complete your application and submit it along with your down-payment as soon as possible. Only a limited number of participants are accepted each year.

For further information, please contact Marilyn Storey at the Lodi District Chamber of Commerce, at (209) 367-7840 ext 103.

Directions:

Please complete the attached application. All applications will be handled in the strictest of confidence. Please limit responses to the space provided. To assist in the selection process, please type or print legibly. Bring your completed application along with your tuition deposit to the Lodi Chamber office (at 35 S. School St).

Contact Information:

Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City, ST, ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Personal Email: _____

Preferred Shirt Size: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

Employer Information:

Company: _____

Your Title: _____

Business Address: _____

City, ST, ZIP: _____

Business Phone: _____

Business Email: _____

Sponsor:

Sponsor's Name: _____

Educational and Organizational Background:

Highlight educational, civic, professional, and business background and activities of the past five years:

Please list your volunteer and organizational involvement:

Organization	Dates Participated	Position
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Please list special recognition or awards, if any:

Please list your areas of community interest:

How do you perceive your future community involvement?

___ Same as Today ___ More Time ___ Less Time

What do you hope to achieve through participation in Leadership Lodi?

Identify and discuss any issue or problem crucial to the quality of life in Lodi:

References:

List two individuals who have knowledge of your qualifications and background, and who may be contacted by the Leadership Lodi Steering Committee:

Name	Company	Phone
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Commitment and Participation:

Graduation from this program requires the following participation and commitments. Please mark your initials on the spaces below indicating your understanding and agreement.

_____ Class sessions are scheduled from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month from February through (and including) October, plus an extended lunch session in November. Participants may only miss a maximum of two full-day sessions. If any day (or part of a day) is missed, the participant must attend a community meeting (there is a list of approved meetings) and submit a signed agenda and written report.

_____ Time to return phone calls will *usually* be allotted during short breaks and lunch. Participants are not to use their phones during class, and may not leave the premises at any time.

_____ Each participant must attend and contribute to the mandatory retreat in March. This event, on the final weekend of March (Saturday and Sunday), will be spent planning your class project. This retreat is for participants only (no spouses, children, etc).

_____ In addition to any required make-up sessions, participants must attend three (3) community meetings that average two hours each. These can be done at any time during the year.

_____ Class members must participate in the class project selected at the retreat.

_____ Participants must have their employers' approval to join Leadership Lodi, including the commitment and participation it requires which often conflicts with work schedules.

_____ Prior to a successful graduation from the program, participants shall have identified an area of volunteer community service, and shall have offered their ongoing commitment to that organization.

Privacy Notice:

_____ A list of class participants will be provided to each class member, which includes your personal phone number and email address. Initial here to indicate your consent, or leave this blank to keep your information private. In either case, your information will never be made available to anyone outside of Leadership Lodi.

Acceptance

If you have any questions about this program, please contact the Lodi Chamber of Commerce. Your signature below indicates your understanding and acceptance of the tuition and graduation requirements listed above.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Applicants to the Leadership Lodi program must have the support of their sponsoring business organization and employer (if different) as the program requires time away from work. Their signature here indicates their understanding and acceptance of the requirements listed above.

Signature of Employer

Title

Date

Signature of Sponsor (if different)

Title

Date

Please return your completed application along with your \$100 application fee to the Lodi Chamber of Commerce in person or by mail, to:

Leadership Lodi, Lodi Chamber of Commerce
35 S. School Street
Lodi, CA 95240

If you have any questions, please contact us in person, via phone (209.367.7840) or email (mstorey@lodichamber.com).