

Application for Participation



LEADERSHIP

H A R L I N G E N

Training the Community's Business Leaders

The Leadership Harlingen Steering Committee is currently accepting applications for Class XXXI.

Please review this application carefully and return completed form to the Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce by Friday, July 29, 2016. For more information, please call Febe Zepeda (956)423-5440 or email fzpeda@harlingen.com.



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Benefits | Overview | Sessions

Benefits

For Businesses

- Provides employees with increased organizational, leadership and problem-solving skills
- Exposes employees to new insights into the community
- Provides new access to networks of community leaders and different resources

For Individuals

- Provides in-depth education about Harlingen's history, government, economy, social issues, quality of life, education, needs and opportunities
- Introduces and encourages dialogue with other emerging leaders in the program as well as current influential community leaders
- Provides experience in the concepts of community trusteeship and servant leadership
- Provides the guidance and support for active participation in activities which contribute to the growth and betterment of the community
- Prepares candidates for high-level leadership roles, professional and personal growth

Overview

Monthly Program Sessions (September-May)

An orientation reception will be held at the end of August to serve as the kick-off for the program experience, followed by the Reality-Oriented Physical Experience Session (ROPES) course to be held on a Saturday. The first full-day session will be held in September, with each following session being held on the second Thursday of each month from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All dates are subject to change and times as approximate. The exception will be an overnight trip to Austin for the state government session held in the Spring.

Class Project

The Leadership Harlingen class will organize a "Candidates Forum" in conjunction with the Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce as their class project. In the event of a non-election year, the optional project will be assigned by the Steering Committee and the Harlingen Chamber.

City Meeting and Non-Profit Meeting

During the nine-month course, participants will be required to attend one city meeting or non-profit organization board meeting. Participants are required to bring a copy of the dated agenda from the meeting they attend.

Program Sessions

- Orientation Session | **Mandatory attendance** | Late August Evening
- ROPES | **Mandatory attendance** | Early September Saturday
- Law Enforcement
- Social Services
- Education, Communication & Arts
- Harlingen Area Industries
- Local City Government
- State Government | Overnight trip to Austin
- Agriculture
- Medical Services
- Class Day

Tuition | Commitment | Approval

Tuition

Tuition for 2016-2017 is **\$500** for active members of the Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce, and **\$700** for non-members, which includes all program materials, snacks/meals, transportation* and accommodations. The actual cost of the program is approximately **\$700** per persons; however, tuition is kept to a minimum with the help of contributions made to the educational programs through Chamber membership. Tuition is non-refundable after completion of the initial session in September, but it can be transferred to another employee if done so prior to the September session. Scholarships may be available. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please attach a brief statement of request and any considerations for the committee's review with your application. * Participants will be asked to volunteer as drivers at the beginning of the program to chauffeur other members to session locations. Mileage will be reimbursed by the Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce.

Commitment by Applicant

If selected as a participant in Leadership Harlingen, I understand attendance and punctuality is required for regular monthly meeting on the second Thursday of each month, an overnight trip, program-related events outside the regular class days and attendance is mandatory for Orientation and ROPES. I will make every effort to attend all of the functions sponsored by the program. I understand if I fail to meet any part of any obligation of participation, I will not be invited to graduate from the program during this particular program year. I hereby certify the information provided above is complete and correct. I understand any false information disqualifies me from participating in the Leadership Harlingen program. I understand that my submission of this application does not guarantee my acceptance into the program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Commitment by Employer

Selected applicants from the Leadership Harlingen program must have support and commitment of their business or organization. The signature of the President/CEO of the applicant's organization (locally) is necessary as an indication of the support of the applicant's participation in the program. By signing below, you, as the applicant's employer agree to allow time away from work to fully complete the program, as outlined in this application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

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1. Personal Data

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Years in Harlingen: _____ How did you hear about Leadership Harlingen? _____

2. Education

Begin with your most recent degrees and/or specialized training and list in reverse chronological order:

Name and location of school

Degree Major

Dates (from/to)

3. Employment

a. Check those that best describe the area in which you presently work/serve:

Community Volunteer Community/Non-Profit Large Business Small Business

Professional Education Government Other: _____

Current Employer: _____ Years with Current Employer: _____

Type of Business/Organization: _____ Subject to transfer?: Yes No How often?: _____

If selected for this program, do you foresee any reason why you would be unable to complete the full course?

Yes No If not, why?: _____

b. List your previous position held with your current employer and/or other employment in reverse chronological order:

Employer and City

Responsibility

Dates (from/to)

c. Your Position: _____ Since (Date): _____

d. Briefly describe the responsibilities in your employment:

e. What do you consider your most important professional achievement to date?

f. List up to three business/professional affiliations and describe any of your roles/accomplishments (not including civic organizations, public office or political activities):

g. What are your professional business goals for the next five years?

4. Community Involvement

a. What do you consider your major community service role to date?

Organization/Project	Role/Accomplishment	Dates (from/to)
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b. Describe up to three other significant community involvement and any leadership roles you have assumed. (Include community, civic, religious, political, government, social, athletic, or other activities. Do not include business/professional activities)

Organization	Role	Accomplishment	Dates (from/to)
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c. Over the past year, approximately how much time each month did you devote to community, civic, professional and other organizations and activities?: _____

Have you been as active in these activities as you would like to be? Yes No

If not, what conditions have changed that now enable you to seek community involvement?

d. Have you previously participated in a Leadership program? Yes No

If yes, where and what year? _____

e. Check two of the following categories which best describe your current area of leadership activity or interest?

- Chamber of Commerce
- Economic Development: Tourism, Downtown Development
- Education/Literacy
- Environment: Conservation
- Government: Local, State, Federal, Regional
- Politics: Local, State, Federal, Assist in a campaign
- Quality of Life: Art, Sports, Entertainment, Music
- Social Issues: Aging, Alcohol, Handicapped, Drug Abuse, Mental Health, Diversity

5. General Information

a. What are your goals in the future relative to leadership roles in our community? What do you hope to gain from Leadership Harlingen experience that will assist you in reaching your goals?

b. What do you believe to be the most important issue facing Harlingen today? Explain why and suggest any recommendations for approaching and resolving this issue.

c. Additional information or comments: _____

6. References & Recommendations

Attach two letters of recommendation with this application from persons who are knowledgeable about your leadership performance and potential and who may be contacted regarding your qualifications as a participant.