

LEADERSHIP YPSILANTI

2009-10

THE PROGRAM:

Dedicated to developing skilled and motivated community leaders!

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- ◆ Applicants to Leadership Ypsilanti are limited to a maximum of 30 individuals per year.
- ◆ Participants are chosen by the Leadership Ypsilanti Steering Committee based on their own merit and information provided in the application. Potential candidates should demonstrate the following qualities:
 - ◆ Commitment and motivation to learn about and serve the Ypsilanti community.
 - ◆ The potential to have significant influence on important issues facing the community.
 - ◆ Ability to make the time commitment required by the program.
 - ◆ A demonstrated commitment through past and present community activities.
- ◆ Nominees must have the full support of the organization or corporation they represent. Individuals may nominate themselves.
- ◆ Participants are expected to attend all sessions. Students must attend opening session. Those who miss more than two sessions will not graduate and may be asked to withdraw from the program with no tuition refund.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- ◆ Please complete each section in full.
- ◆ Please type or print neatly.
- ◆ Application must be signed by the candidate and their sponsoring employer or organization, where applicable.
- ◆ Application deadline is October 2, 2009.
- ◆ Tuition of \$600 is due by the first class, Oct. 8, 2009. MasterCard and Visa accepted. Make checks payable to the Ypsilanti Chamber Education Foundation. The Education Foundation will invoice all successful candidates if payment does not accompany this application. You can also pay online @www.ypsichamber.org
- ◆ Return the completed application to:
Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce
301 W. Michigan Ave., Suite 101
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
- ◆ For additional information, contact Diane Keller at 734-482-4920, ex. 26. Fax us at 482-2021.

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BECOME A LEADER IN YOUR COMMUNITY...

- ◆ Learn about all the facets of the active and dynamic community of Ypsilanti.
- ◆ Meet the current community leaders.
- ◆ Network with fellow classmates.
- ◆ Volunteer and become a leader that will impact the future of the community in which you live & work.

THE PROGRAM...

OCTOBER 8: ORIENTATION & HERITAGE. BEGINNING AT 8 A.M. SHARP.

You will begin with innovative team building exercises designed to introduce you to your fellow classmates. Then both new and established Ypsilanti area residents will discover new things about the community in which they live and work through a bus tour and networking opportunities.

NOVEMBER 12: APPLIED LEADERSHIP. BEGINNING AT 8 A.M. SHARP.

Combine your newly found knowledge about Ypsilanti with leadership skills you need to become an active player in making your community a better place to live and conduct business. A class project will be introduced that will leave your graduation class with its own legacy.

DECEMBER 10: LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUSTICE. BEGINNING AT 8 A.M. SHARP.

Meet the people who protect our neighborhoods and discover first-hand the situations they encounter through ride-alongs and court proceedings. Follow the criminal process through the courts and tour correctional facilities to experience the full spectrum of law and justice.

JANUARY 14: HEALTH CARE. BEGINNING AT 8 A.M. SHARP.

Discover the challenges local health care facilities face; how they collaborate with community organizations to provide preventive and acute health care; and how health care reform has changed local affiliations. Hospital tours will introduce you to expanded health care facilities and new medical technology.

FEBRUARY 11: BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. BEGINNING AT 8 A.M.

Explore what makes Ypsilanti an attractive place for new and existing businesses. Interactive teams will discuss downtown revitalization and how local organizations work together to improve Ypsilanti's image and encourage economic development.

MARCH 11: GOVERNMENT. BEGINNING AT 8 A.M. SHARP.

You will discuss citizen power and how you can influence governmental decisions. You will be put in the shoes of the decision maker so you can understand their role and perspective. Attend local government meetings and see how the leaders address current issues.

APRIL 1: EDUCATION & GRADUATION. BEGINNING AT 8 A.M. SHARP.

Discover the innovative ways our children are taught in the public K-12 system as well as alternative public education opportunities. School tours will enable you to witness the challenges and successes administrators and teachers face. In addition, you will have your own graduation celebration!

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW:

Name: _____ Title _____
Company: _____ Email _____
Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____

PLEASE ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW TO HELP WITH THE SELECTION PROCESS:

1. Why are you interested in participating in the Leadership Ypsilanti program? _____

2. Based on your observations, what one thing would you like to change about the Ypsilanti area? If you are new to the area, what area are you interested in learning more about and why? _____

3. Please list civic, professional, religious or community organizations that you are involved in:
Organization: _____ Responsibility: _____
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_____ I would like to support the program with a \$ _____ tax-deductible contribution to the Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation to ensure a worthy community member can take advantage of the program.

APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I understand I must attend a minimum of five of the seven sessions to graduate from this program.

I have reviewed the dates and understand the time commitment involved.

Signature _____ Date _____

EMPLOYER ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This Leadership Ypsilanti candidate has my full support to participate in Leadership Ypsilanti. I am aware of the time commitment involved in his/her participation, as well as the financial obligation.

Signature _____ Title _____

MC/Visa # _____ Exp. Date _____

Cardholder Signature _____