

Leadership PADUCAH

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What is Leadership Paducah?

Established in 1984, Leadership Paducah is a program to develop the leadership potential of men and women in the Paducah/McCracken County area. Leadership Paducah is a program of the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce and is self-sustaining through tuition, corporate support, and in-kind contributions. Leadership Paducah classes are comprised of individuals with diverse backgrounds who have demonstrated a talent and commitment for leadership. Through this program they become acutely aware of social and economic changes and the impact of such changes in the local community.

Leadership Paducah is designed to foster an in-depth understanding of the inter-relationships and complexities of the Paducah/McCracken County area through a series of face-to-face discussions with community and state leaders.

Program...

Leadership Paducah is an educational program consisting of nine (9) monthly sessions beginning in August with a weekend orientation retreat and ending in June with graduation. Each day-long session deals with a broad topic that is explored through speakers, discussions, field trips, and other activities. A minimum of 20 "volunteer points" must be earned through participation in community service. ***Leadership Paducah requires a serious commitment of time and energies and graduates must agree to continue and strengthen their community involvement.***

Attendance...

To meet graduation requirements, it is necessary that participants attend seven of the nine sessions of Leadership Paducah. Each session begins at the monthly Chamber Breakfast (7:30 a.m. and concludes by 5:00 p.m.)

The Orientation Retreat is Mandatory
2011-12 Tentative Meeting dates and topics will be as follows:

August 9 – New Class Reception (Chamber)
August 19-20 – Opening Retreat (mandatory)
August 23 – Retreat follow-up (Whaler's Catch)
September 1 – Introduction PIP Breakfast
October 13 – History and Tourism
November 3 – Educ. & Leadership Skills
December 1 – Human Needs
January 5, 2012 - Communications
February 2, 2012 - Government
March 1, 2012 – Business & Economy
April 12, 2012 – Transportation
May 10, 2012 – Health Care
June 7, 2012 – Graduation Breakfast

Tuition and Funding...

Tuition for the program is \$1000 for Chamber members and \$1500 for non-members. A limited number of scholarships are available to candidates who have a proven need. Leadership Paducah is dedicated to the idea that no worthy leaders should be discouraged from applying due to a lack of funding. Tuition covers all costs for accommodations at the orientation retreat as well as monthly breakfast, and class materials.

The Leadership Foundation

The Leadership Paducah experience does not end at graduation. The graduates of the program are encouraged to join the Leadership Paducah Foundation, Inc. - a community resource of men and women capable of directing important community activities. The LPF provides an informational network and a mechanism for maintaining contact that includes a web site membership directory and semi-annual newsletter. Alumni are also involved in class selection and planning the Leadership Paducah curriculum.
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Deadline for applications: May 13, 2011

LEADERSHIP PADUCAH SELECTION POLICY/CRITERIA

CRITERIA: All applicants **MUST:**

1. Submit a **COMPLETED** application by the deadline date. *No late or incomplete applications will be considered.* That includes two letters of recommendation and compliance with the directions on the application, i.e. “no pictures” means no pictures. Neatness counts.
2. The applicant, in addition to a completed application, must also submit a brief essay answering:
 - a. What do you think you could add to the *Leadership Paducah* class?
 - b. What do you hope to gain from your participation in *Leadership Paducah* and how do you plan to utilize this experience in the community?
 - c. What do you consider to be your greatest personal and professional achievements and why?
3. Any applicants that have not strictly followed these criteria will not be considered for admission into Leadership Paducah.

GUIDELINES: Applicants will be considered for admission to Leadership Paducah by the Leadership Paducah Foundation Board based on the following:

GOALS: Leadership Paducah strives to maintain a occupational, ethnicity, age, and gender balance among the participants selected each year. Leadership Paducah is a competitive opportunity. Participants are selected based on their proven and potential leadership abilities, civic activity, concern for the community, volunteer leadership, and potential to help build a greater Paducah as a city and Kentucky as a state.

1. Each LPF Board member will be assigned a number of applicants to review the submitted application and check references. Each board member will then report on his/her applicants at the selection meeting.
2. Each applicant will be scored on a five point scale (1 being the lowest, 5 being the highest) based on their application, their essays, their proven leadership and/or leadership potential, community and civic involvement. These scores will be averaged and weighted to determine rankings of potential candidates.
3. The board reserves the right to consider other criteria other than those listed in order to further Leadership Paducah’s goal of achieving diversity among occupations, ethnicity, age and gender.