



LEADERSHIP UNION CLASS of 2020 APPLICATION

The mission of Leadership Union is to develop and foster leaders in Union County – providing education about community strengths and opportunities, and to encourage community stewardship.

PROGRAM ELEMENTS: Participants meet one day per month, January through November, which includes a one-day retreat. Day sessions will focus on Union County's local economy, education, local history, human services, government, healthcare and agriculture.

PARTICIPANTS' COMMITMENT TO PROGRAM: Applicants should understand that participation in Leadership Union requires a time commitment. Participants must adhere to the attendance policy of the program. In addition, participants are asked to fully engage in each session. Excessive use of cell phones or other devices during LU sessions can serve as a distraction to other participants and are therefore, discouraged. Transportation to LU events is normally by bus and participants are required to travel with the class on the provided vehicle.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete each section in full. Type or print please. One letter of recommendation will be accepted. No other attachments will be considered. Application must be signed by both sponsor (if applicable) and candidate.

SELECTION CRITERIA: The most important factor in selection is identifying those individuals most apt to utilize their leadership for the long-term benefit of the community. We strive to select a cross-section of participants from all sectors of the community. The basic criteria for achieving this selection are:

1. Select those individuals with a sincere commitment, motivation and interest to serve in the community.
2. Select those intending to seek public office, boards, commissions, or key volunteer leadership roles.
3. Select those with potential or existing opportunities for advancement to top leadership positions within their own organization, which may in turn play a significant role in the community.
4. Select individuals committed to their personal and career development.
5. Application to Leadership Union is open to persons working in Union County and who are members of the Union County Chamber.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT (Use additional paper if needed)

PERSONAL DATA

Last Name	First	Middle	Prefer to be called
Employer			
Job Title			
Work/Mail Address	Street or P.O. Box	City	Zip
Work Phone	Preferred Email Address		
Home Address	Street or P.O. Box	City	Zip
Home Phone or Cell Phone	Fax Number		
Sponsor Name	Phone		

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

(List in reverse order, include active military duty.)

Employer	Title/Responsibility	From/To
1.		
2.		
3.		

EDUCATION

College/University	Location	From/To	Degree
1.			
2.			
3.			

Special Educational Awards/Honors:



PROFESSIONAL/BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS

Name

Position/Responsibility

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Highest Responsibility, Skill or Career Achievement to Date:

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Record community, civic, religious, political, government, social, athletic or other activities (include all communities, not just Union County). Do not include business/professional affiliations. Indicate major role in the organization.

Organization

Position Held

From/To

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

If you have not had the time or interest to become actively involved, what has changed that now enables you to seek involvement in the community?

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please answer these questions on a separate sheet of paper (one or two paragraphs)

1. Explain your one most important achievement to date.
2. In your judgement, what are three problems facing the Union County area today?
Explain your reasoning and make recommendations for approaching and resolving these problems.
3. Describe the three most notable opportunities Union County has to offer.
4. What do you hope to gain from Leadership Union? Give us examples of how you will apply this knowledge.

REFERENCES

Submit a letter of recommendation from one individual (other than employer or spouse) who has knowledge of your qualifications as a Leadership Union applicant. **Please submit the letter with this application.**

COMMITMENT

If selected as a Leadership Union participant, I understand that I am committing myself to involvement in the community upon graduation from the program.

Attendance:

I understand there is a required time commitment to successfully complete the program. The time commitment for Leadership Union is ten full-day sessions, one day per month (except July and December). **Attendance at the Opening Retreat and at all sessions is required.** Failure to adhere to the attendance policy may subject the applicant to review by the Leadership Union Steering Committee as to eligibility and/or successful graduation from the program.

Community Projects:

In addition to the sessions, you will be asked to commit your time to a group community project. The amount of time you will need to devote to the development of your project will be determined by consensus of your group. Participation in the group meetings is expected.

Tuition:

Leadership Union tuition is \$675. Employers generally pay all or most of the cost, but there may be limited funds available for people who demonstrate a need for financial assistance. **Tuition is NON-REFUNDABLE once the program begins.**

How did you learn about Leadership Union? *Please check all that apply.*

Chamber Website Business Referral LU Alumni Employer Social Media
 Other (*Please specify*) _____

I understand the goals and commitments of the Leadership Union program. If selected, I will commit the required time, adhere to the attendance policy, and pay my tuition prior to orientation.

Applicant's Signature

Date

SPONSOR

This applicant has my full support to participate in LEADERSHIP UNION. I am aware of the time commitment involved for his/her effective participation, as well as the financial obligation. (This should be signed by the applicant's manager.)

Sponsor's Signature

Date

Title

Company

Application Process Time Line:

September 30, 2019: Application Deadline
October 7-17, 2019: Applications reviewed by LU Steering Committee
 Successful applicants will be notified as soon as selections are completed
December 6, 2019: Tuition due (applicants will be invoiced when selected)
January 23, 2020: Orientation & Full Day Retreat

Send completed application & letter of reference to:

LEADERSHIP UNION
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