



APPLICATION

A Program Designed to Identify and Develop
the Leadership Potential Existing in Our Community

A program of the
Kentucky Lake Chamber of Commerce
In Marshall County

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CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION 2016-2017

Program Purpose

Leadership Marshall County is an educational program designed to develop the present and future leadership potential existing in our community. It brings together individuals with diverse backgrounds and experience, who have a demonstrated talent and commitment for leadership.

Participants in *Leadership Marshall County* will be challenged to learn about and become actively involved in the issues, opportunities, and problems that face our community today and in the future. This is accomplished by exposing the participants to as many facets of the community as possible through planned sessions in an effort to familiarize them with resources, organizations and institutions that shape Marshall County.

It is the goal of *Leadership Marshall County* to develop a source of informed, civic-oriented, volunteer leaders who are interested in helping direct the future growth and development of Marshall County.

Instructions

- Please complete each section in full, and limit answers to available space. Type or print clearly.
- Application must be signed by both candidate and employer/organization and be received no later than **5:00 pm, July 15, 2016.**

Selection Criteria

- Application to the *Leadership Marshall County* program is open to all persons residing or working in Marshall County.
- Class members are chosen by the Leadership Planning Committee on their own merits based upon the information submitted on the application. The Committee will select up to (15) participants who represent a good cross section of the community.
- Applicants must have the full support of the organization or business they represent in order to commit the time and effort required by the program. Individuals may also apply.
- *Leadership Marshall County* is an entryway into leadership in the community. It is an expectation of the program that graduates become active members in helping change and serve their community.
- All applicants will be notified of their acceptance or non-acceptance. Admission is expected to be highly competitive and those not chosen are encouraged to reapply the next time offered.

Attendance Requirements

- It is an honor to be chosen for the Leadership program and as such, attendance and participation at each and every session is extremely important. If you or your employer are unable to make this commitment, it is not in your best interest to apply.

- Leadership graduation will be based on a cumulative number of points which are awarded by attendance at full day sessions and involvement in community activities. It is necessary that participants: attend the **mandatory opening retreat in September**, attend at least 7 of the 8 full day sessions of the program, and acquire a minimum of **20** volunteer points earned by participating in community events (See separate sheet of sample activities on pages 3 & 4) as well as participation in a class project.

Tuition

A nominal tuition fee is charged for the *Leadership Marshall County* program, which covers all of your meals, lodging, transportation and instructional materials used throughout the course of the program. The tuition fee is **\$500.00**. The participant, their employer or business may select to pay the tuition. The tuition is due upon notification of acceptance into the program. An invoice will be issued to whoever is paying the fee and balance is due by September 5th. No refund of tuition will be issued for any reason beyond two weeks prior to the opening retreat.

Please give serious consideration to all criteria, requirements, involvement, and attendance mandates before applying.

Leadership Marshall County Tentative 2016-2017 Schedule

All sessions with the exception of the Opening Retreat and the overnight Frankfort trip will begin at the Chamber of Commerce Biscuits & Business Breakfast beginning at 7:30 am and will end around 4:30 pm.

September 2016 (TBA)	Opening Retreat
October 19, 2016	Education Day
November 16, 2016	Law/Corrections Day
December 21, 2016	Charities/Communications Day
January 18, 2017	Government/Healthcare Day
February 2017 (TBA)	Frankfort Trip
March 15, 2017	Transportation Day
April 19, 2017	Economic Development Day
May 17, 2017	Tourism Day
June 21, 2017	Graduation

*** All days and topics are subject to change with proper advance notice given prior to any change***



One of the purposes of *Leadership Marshall County* is to expose the members of the class to as many facets of the community as possible. This is accomplished by the planned sessions but also by encouraging members to explore the community and become participants in varying community activities. Being aware of what surrounds you makes you more involved and therefore, teaches you more about your community and yourself. Leadership graduation is based on a cumulative number of points which are awarded for attendance at monthly day-long sessions and involvement in voluntary community activities. A minimum of (70) points is required to graduate. Points are awarded for regular attendance at day-long sessions plus additional activities that you choose to participate in yourself. If a day-long session is missed then additional volunteer points will need to be acquired to make up the required points to graduate.

POINTS	ACTIVITY
10 pts.	Opening Retreat
<u>40 pts.</u>	Each scheduled session 5 x 8 = 40 pts. (7 session minimum required)
50 pts.	
<u>20 pts.</u>	Voluntary activities of your choice (can make up day session points by adding volunteer ones)
70 pts.	Required for Graduation

Below is a breakdown of some sample volunteer activities and points associated with each. From the list below, choose activities in which you are interested. After attending each activity, write a summary of the activity on the Report Sheets provided. A leader should seek out more and, therefore learn more, so don't just settle for the minimum required. Each activity can be counted only once and no more than two activities in each category may be counted toward your goal of 20 points. These items must be completed between the September retreat through May 30th. No credit can be given for activities completed prior to participation in 2016-2017 program. Your completed Report sheets are due on May 30, 2017

BUSINESS

- 2 points Attend a Chamber Ribbon Cutting or Business of Month Presentation
- 2 points Attend a Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting (2nd Tuesday of month @ 11:00 am)
- 2 points Attend Chamber's Annual Dinner (January)

EDUCATION

- 2 points Read to an elementary school class during their reading hour
- 2 points Attend a PTO meeting or site-based council meeting (call schools for dates/times)
- 2 points Attend a Marshall County Board of Education meeting
- 3 points Take a class sponsored by Adult Education
- 3 points Volunteer at booth for Reality Store for 8th Graders (Contact Lena @270-527-3285)
- 5 points Take a continuing education course not affiliated with your field

GOVERNMENT

- 3 points Attend a City Council meeting (Benton 3rd Monday @ 6:00, Calvert 2nd Monday @ 5:30, Hardin 2nd Monday @ 6:00)
- 3 points Attend a Fiscal Court meeting (1st & 3rd Tuesdays of month @ 9:00 am)
- 3 points Write your State or U.S. Representative or Senator about your opinion on a particular bill or issue (Attach copy of your letter to Report Sheets)



GOVERNMENT (Continued)

- 3 points Participate in a political candidate's campaign
- 5 points Attend a District Court or Circuit Court trial or arraignment
- 5 points Ride along on the shift of City Police Officer or County Sheriff's Deputy, Emergency Service, or Ambulance.

HEALTHCARE

- 5 points Schedule a physical for yourself
- 5 points Meet with Nutritionist for nutritional assessment (Heath Dept 527-1496 \$7.00)
- 3 points Attend a seminar related to your personal health
- 3 points Begin a physical fitness program, and continue for 4 weeks (monitor beginning and end results)

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HUMAN NEEDS

- 3 points Give blood during a Red Cross Blood Drive or assist at a drive.
- 3 points Attend a children's story hour or adult evening program at one of the Marshall County Public Library Branches (Benton, Hardin or Calvert City)
- 3 points Attend Habitat for Humanity meeting (2nd Monday of each month @ 5:00 Courthouse)
- 5 points Volunteer at Marshall County Needline, Red Cross or other non-profit agency
- 5 points Volunteer at Marshall County Exceptional School
- 5 points Volunteer at Marshall County Humane Society (354-8738)
- 5 points Volunteer at Marcella's Kitchen (205-0223)
- 5 points Develop/Coordinate a charitable project for your church, or civic club

ENVIRONMENT

- 5 points Develop and implement a recycling program for your business/office/home
- 3 points Schedule a 1 mile road clean-up

TOURISM

- 3 points Attend a Marshall County Tourist Commission Board Meeting
- 5 points Volunteer to answer phone and assist visitors for ½ day at Tourism Office

COMMUNICATIONS/MEDIA

- 2 points Write a Letter to the Editor voicing your opinion on a certain community issue or topic. (Attach copy of your letter to Report Sheets)
- 3 points Participate on the Coffee Call program with WCBL to promote your company, civic club or professional organization.
- 3 points Be speech/demonstration/mock job interview judge for 4-H Communications Contest

NOTE: OTHER ACTIVITIES MAY BE APPROVED. SUBMIT YOUR IDEAS TO THE COMMITTEE IN WRITING OR VIA EMAIL FOR APPROVAL. You will be notified whether or not your submission has been approved and how many points will be received for that project.

Personal Data

(Turn in pgs 5-7, retain pgs.1-4 for your info)

Name _____ For Name Tag _____

Home Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone# _____ Home Email Address _____

Spouse _____ Children _____

Age _____ Sex _____ Race _____ How long have you lived or worked in Marshall County? _____ years

Shirt Size: Adult S M L XL XXL XXXL

Special Honors, Awards and Recognitions _____

Employment

Present Employer _____ Title _____

Employer Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Business Phone# _____ Cell Phone# _____

Business Email _____ Years Employed _____

Briefly describe current responsibilities _____

Past Employment

List previous employment in reverse chronological order, including active military duty if applicable.

Employer _____ Title _____

Dates _____

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Dates _____

Employer _____ Title _____

Dates _____

What do you consider your highest career achievement to date? _____

Community Involvement

List up to five (5) community, civic, state, religious, government, school, social, athletic, or other organizations or activities in which you have participated.

Organization _____ Position/Year _____

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Organization _____ Position/Year _____

What do you consider your most important accomplishments in one of the above organizations? _____

How much time each month do you commit to these and other community activities? _____

Have you been as active as you would like to be? _____

If not, what has been the major barrier? _____

Education

List your educational background. Begin with high school and continue in chronological order with college(s) and other schools or specialized training you have attended or attained.

Name/Location	Dates (from/to)	Degree	Major
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General Information (Please limit answers to one paragraph; you may type responses on a separate sheet)

Please tell us what specific skills or knowledge you hope to gain from your *Leadership Marshall County* experience.

Please identify a particular challenge, issue, or problem you feel is critical to Marshall County. Explain your concern and possible suggested solution to the issue.

What are the most notable opportunities our area has to offer?

Is there any additional information about yourself that we haven't asked that you would like us to know about you?

How did you hear about Leadership? _____

What method do you prefer that we communicate with you? _____

Payment Method

If accepted into the Leadership program, you or your company (sponsor) will be billed for the tuition fee. The tuition of \$500 covers all program costs, including shared room and board at the opening retreat and in Frankfort. Payment must be paid in full by the **5th of September** unless other arrangements are made. Checks should be made payable to Leadership Marshall County.

How do you plan to pay for the \$500 Tuition?

Paid by myself Employer Paid Would need partial or full scholarship

Commitment

The Marshall County Leadership program expects all members to commit to attending all sessions. Block your calendar from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm for each of the day-long sessions.

I understand the goals and commitments of the *Leadership Marshall County* program. If selected, I will devote the required time and resources necessary to complete the program. I also understand that if I miss more than one full day session, for whatever reason, I will have to make up those points missed to be eligible for graduation from the program.

I understand the above commitments and agree to be bound by them in signing this application.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Employer Commitment

Also, if your employer will be paying for the tuition, or you will be absent from work while attending the sessions, your employer or authorized representative needs to acknowledge his/her commitment to the program by signing below.

This application has the approval of this organization and the applicant has our full support, which includes the time required to participate in the program. I have read and agree to the program purpose, selection criteria, attendance requirements and tuition refund policy.

Employer/Sponsor Signature

Employer's Name printed

Date

APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE: JULY 15, 2016

TUITION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 5, 2016

Please mail, email or hand-deliver this application to:

Marshall County Leadership

c/o Kentucky Lake Chamber of Commerce in Marshall County
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Benton, KY 42025

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For Questions Contact: Debbie Buchanan @ 527-7665 or Wendy Baxter @ 527-2009