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Background

Leadership Greater Augusta is a 9-month intensive training program for emerging and existing leaders; LGA builds the needed skills, knowledge, motivation and vision to develop a stronger community.

Purpose

The purpose of Leadership Greater Augusta is to advance positive, progressive and orderly business and professional development in the Greater Augusta Region by achieving the following:

1. Educate potential and existing business and community leaders through exposure to diverse realities, personalities, and challenges in the community.
2. Develop and enhance visionary leadership skills through in-depth training.

Objectives

The objectives of Leadership Greater Augusta include the following:

1. Inform participants about the Greater Augusta region's history, government, economy, social issues, needs and opportunities, and the existing processes for dealing with them;
2. Introduce participants to, and establish dialogue with, each other and current leaders in the Greater Augusta Region;
3. Encourage participants to participate in future activities, which contribute to the growth and betterment of our community;
4. Train participants to be visionary leaders and prepare them for higher level leadership roles in the community.

Session Schedule & Content

August 22, 2018	Opening Reception
August 29-30, 2018	Opening Retreat (Overnight Session)
October 4, 2018	Agriculture
November 1, 2018	Economic Development
December 6, 2018	Local Government
January 3, 2019	Education
February 6-7, 2019	State Government (Overnight Session-Richmond)
March 7, 2019	Quality of Life
April 4, 2019	Practical Servant Leadership
May 2, 2019	Wrap Up/Graduation

Program Sessions & Attendance

Leadership Greater Augusta is a 9-month intensive training program. Class members have one official session per month beginning in with the overnight retreat at the end of August and lasting through May of the following



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year. Each regular session is generally held on the 1st Thursday of the month, from 7:45am - 5:00pm, with the exception of the two overnights involving hotel stays (Opening Retreat in at the end of August and State Government Session in February).

Other requirements include completion of homework assignments and outside work for completion of the class project.

Attendance at all sessions is required for successful completion of this program. The inclusion of two overnight sessions is intentional. It provides an opportunity for this group of leaders to connect in a way that bonds the group long term, beyond the completion of their class. The opening retreat is required in order to participate in the class. The mid-course overnight (February) is equally important. If there is an excused absence for any part of this session it will count as a double absence. For example if 4 hours are missed it would count as 8.

No more than two excused absences (maximum of 16 hours) are allowed in order to complete the program. Absences for reasons of work, illness and family emergency are considered excused. Arriving late or leaving early is considered a half session absence (with two such events being the equivalent of a full session absence).

If the attendance requirements are not being met the participant will be dismissed from the program without a refund of tuition.

Eligibility

Applicants must live or work in the Greater Augusta region. Persons who are, at the time of participant selection, publicly elected officials, are not eligible. Any Chamber member in good standing or an employee of a Chamber member is eligible. Couples cannot participate in the same class.

Selection Criteria

The most important consideration in selection is identifying those individuals most able to utilize their leadership skills for the long-term benefit of the Greater Augusta community. The basic criteria for selection include the following:

1. Sincere commitment, motivation, and interest to serve the community.
2. Evidence of career or community achievement appropriate to age and experience.
3. Intention to seek public office, boards, commissions or other similar servant leadership roles.
4. Potential or existing opportunity for advancement to top leadership positions within their own organization, which may in turn play a significant role in the community.
5. Occupational and/or personal commitment and desire to remain in the Greater Augusta region.



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Leadership Greater Augusta Seeks Individuals....

....who represent a cross section of the community including business, education, non-profit, government, arts, clergy, service and community organizations, and various ethnic/minority, age and gender groups. *The aim is to create a class of 25 that represents a "miniature Greater Augusta community."*

....with potential for advancement to leadership positions within their own organization which may result in significant influence over important issues facing the community.

....with the commitment to complete the Leadership Greater Augusta program with the full support of the corporation or organization he/she represents.

....with the intention, upon completion of the program, to seek roles on community boards, commissions, key volunteer leadership positions in the community, or public office.

Selection Committee & Selection Process

Participants will be selected by an anonymous selection committee comprised of a mix of Chamber Foundation Trustees and LGA Alumni. The selection committee is charged with forming a class that represents a reasonable cross section of the backgrounds, interests, and business and civic ties.

Participants will be notified of their selection no later than August 1, 2018.

Tuition

Leadership Greater Augusta is offered to selected participants at a fee of \$590 which includes all nine program sessions, materials, snacks, meals and accommodations for the two overnight sessions. The remainder of the program cost is funded by generous sponsors. Tuition can be paid by the participant or by the participant's employer or sponsor.

An invoice will be issued once the participant has accepted their spot in the class. Tuition is \$590 and is due in full by the start of the program on August 22, 2018.

Applications are now available. The deadline to complete the application is 5:00 pm, July 13, 2018. Read through the application instructions, and then complete a paper copy and email it to megan@augustava.com.

For clarification or more information, please contact Megan Hardin, Director of Operations, at (540) 324-1133 or megan@augustava.com

The presenting sponsor for Leadership Greater Augusta Class 2019 is:

