

**Program
Information &
Application**

Class of 2011



Leadership Madison County

Mission

Leadership Madison County's mission is to provide leaders with a deeper understanding of the critical issues affecting Madison County in an environment that furthers their leadership skills and encourages graduates to take their knowledge and their experience into the community for the betterment of Madison County as a whole.

Values

■ **Commitment**

We value a passion for service and believe responsibility and duty is imperative to enrich the community.

■ **Service**

We commit ourselves to be stewards of the community, the highest level of caring.

■ **Courage**

We believe that the community can only grow and prosper if we dare to be bold in our visions, stand by our convictions and be fearless in our quest for a community rich in experience.

■ **Integrity**

We believe that individuals must demonstrate the strength, moral principles, honesty and ethics that warrant the trust of the community.

■ **Inclusiveness**

We embrace behavior and actions that respect and honor the background, diversity and contributions of all in our community.



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Madison County

Statement of Commitment

Your application must be signed by you and your employer (if applicable), and received no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, August 6, 2010.

INCOMPLETE MATERIALS AND APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Applications should be mailed to

Leadership Madison County
618 Crescent Boulevard, Suite 101
Ridgeland, MS 39157

A selection committee will critically review all applications to choose an ethnically and culturally diverse class as well as a balanced representation of public, private and non-profit communities.

For additional information, please contact

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Leadership Madison County
601/605 2554

Program

Applicants must meet all the following criteria

- Live or Work in Madison County
- Be 21 years of age or older
- Have decision-making responsibility within their business
- Show evidence of leadership in the workplace, community or both
- Be willing to commit the required time to Leadership Madison County
- Be committed to utilizing their leadership skills and knowledge for the long-term benefit of the community

Provide **ALL** of the information requested on the application, relevant to your own experience and background. Resumes **ARE NOT** accepted in lieu of this application and will not be reviewed.

Schedule

The program begins with an orientation and reception, followed by a two-day mandatory opening retreat in September. One-day sessions are held each month beginning in October and ending in April, to study issues vital to Madison County and to build upon critical leadership concepts. Programs include simulations, panel discussions, site visits and group interactions directed by recognized experts in the content areas. The program concludes with a final project presentation and graduation. Please note that roommates will be assigned for the opening retreat. A graduation ceremony will be held upon completion of the program. **PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND ALL SESSIONS OF EACH PROGRAM DAY AS WELL AS OPENING RETREAT AND PROJECT PRESENTATIONS/GRADUATION.**

Dates to Remember

Orientation

- Thursday, September 16, 2010 – 6:00 pm, Chamber Office

Retreat (Two-day Program)

- 8:00 am Friday, September 24, 2010 until 5:00 pm Saturday, September 25, 2010

Monthly Sessions

Monthly sessions are held on the second Tuesday from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm each month from October through April.

- October 12, 2010 ■ November 9, 2010 ■ December 14, 2010 ■ January 11, 2011
- February 8, 2011 ■ March 8, 2011 ■ April 12, 2011

Project Presentation and Graduation

- May 17, 2011

Tuition

Tuition for the program is \$950. Full payment is due before the program orientation session. The tuition payment covers expenses for all the program education days, the Opening Retreat and Project Presentation/Graduation. Incidentals are the responsibility of the participant. Any requests for refunds shall be evaluated by the Chair of Leadership Madison County and the Executive Committee of Leadership Madison County. A surcharge to cover administrative expenses in the case of withdrawal from the program may be accessed.



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Personal

Please type or print clearly and confine your responses to the space allotted.

Name

Last First Middle

Home Address

Street City / State Zip

How did you hear about Leadership Madison County?

Have you completed a leadership program before? If so, please note the location and date.

Demographic Profile

The sole purpose of requesting this information is to help us enrich your leadership experience by having an ethnically, culturally, age and gender diverse group of participants.

Sex Male Female

Age 21-30 years 31-40 years 41-50 years 51-60 years 60+ years

Ethnicity Alaskan Native African American Asian Caucasian Hispanic

Other (please specify)

Professional Data

Business/Organization Name

Business Type

Title Number of Years in Position

Street City / State Zip

Office Phone Mobile Phone

Fax Email (Required)

Professional History

List your last three (3) positions of employment (begin with most recent):

1	Employer	Title	Dates (from – to)
2	Employer	Title	Dates (from – to)
3	Employer	Title	Dates (from – to)

Education

List the Highest Level of Education and/or Most Advanced Training (begin with most recent):

1	Institution / Training	Degree / Major / Certificate	Dates (from – to)
2	Institution / Training	Degree / Major / Certificate	Dates (from – to)
3	Institution / Training	Degree / Major / Certificate	Dates (from – to)

Community Involvement

In order of importance to you, list three community organizations in which you demonstrate an active leadership role beyond your professional affiliations and activities.

1	Organization	Roles, Responsibilities, Accomplishments, and Honors
2	Organization	Roles, Responsibilities, Accomplishments, and Honors
3	Organization	Roles, Responsibilities, Accomplishments, and Honors

If you have not been as active in the community as you would like, what has been the major barrier and what conditions have changed that now enable you to seek involvement in the community?

In your opinion, what is Madison County's most pressing problem?

Why do you want to be in Leadership Madison County?

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As Leadership Madison County is a cooperative effort to share experiences, knowledge and insight into Madison County, participants are expected to attend all segments of every program session. One individual's failure to attend diminishes the experiences for the remaining members of the program. Participation and attendance are the cornerstones of a successful program. Attendees are expected to be on time and attend the entire program each day.

Attendance at the Opening Retreat and Project Presentation/Graduation is **MANDATORY**. If you cannot attend the opening retreat in its entirety, you should not submit an application and may want to defer participation until next year.

If accepted and enrolled into the program, you and/or your organization will be obligated for the full tuition of \$950 which covers all program costs including the Opening Retreat and Project Presentation/Graduation Ceremonies.

Statement of Agreement

I have reviewed and understand the mission and program requirements of **Leadership Madison County**. If selected, I will devote the required time and pay my full tuition before the program orientation session. If I am unable to comply with the requirements, I will voluntarily withdraw from the program. I understand that, in interest of the class experience for all participants, any participant may be removed from the class if, in the opinion of the Leadership Madison County Board of Trustees, a participant's conduct is not conducive to the work of the group. I further understand that tuition is not refundable in whole or part.



Signed Applicant

Date

Employer Approval

As the applicant's work supervisor, I certify that this candidate has my full support to participate in Leadership Madison County, Class of 2011. I am aware of the time commitment necessary and the financial obligation. I recommend this candidate because:

Name and Title (please print)



Signed (employer)

Date



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