



LEADERSHIP SARASOTA

BUILDING TODAY'S LEADERS. CLASS OF 2025 APPLICATION



PROGRAM GOALS

- ✓ To identify and inspire future and current community leaders.
- ✓ To develop leadership skills and qualities of participants through in-depth views of the county.
- ✓ To stimulate communication among present and future leaders.
- ✓ To assist those already in leadership roles to increase their access to additional positions of community leadership in an informed and responsible manner.
- ✓ To motivate and encourage participants to assume leadership roles in community affairs.

For more information, please reach out to Pete Bartosik at pbartosik@sarasotachamber.com.

SEPTEMBER

4

Orientation

4:00 PM



SEPTEMBER

12 & 13

Opening Retreat

All Day



OCTOBER

9

Program Day 1

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM



NOVEMBER

6

Program Day 2

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM



DECEMBER

4

Program Day 3

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM



JANUARY

8

Program Day 4

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM



FEBRUARY

5

Program Day 5

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM



MARCH

5

Program Day 6

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM



MARCH

12

Leadership Connections Night

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM



APRIL

2

Program Day 7

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM



MAY

2

Closing Retreat

All Day



MAY

15

Graduation

5:00 PM



Program Information:

- Leadership Sarasota is committed to having a diverse and dynamic membership.
- Tuition assistance is available for a few qualified applicants.
- Applicants must have the full support of the company or organization by which they are employed.

Instructions/Selection:

- Applications must be submitted on an official application form. Secure a paper form in person at the Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce, online (www.sarasotachamber.com), by e-mail [pbartosik@sarasotachamber.com] or call Leadership Sarasota at 941-556-4039.
- Limit answers to the space provided.
- **ONE** letter of recommendation emailed directly to pbartosik@sarasotachamber.com with your application.
- No other attachments will be considered.
- Applications must be fully completed (including receipt of letter of recommendation) and signed by the applicant.
- All applications are subject to a confidential evaluation.
- In-person interviews will be conducted with all applicants.
- Selected applicants will receive an acceptance letter, after which, tuition payment must be made by the appointed date stated in the letter.

Ideal Candidate

- All participants should demonstrate:
 - Ambition to strengthen Leadership skills
 - Dedication to the Sarasota community
 - Commitment to invest their effort into the program

Selection Criteria:

The Leadership Sarasota class shall be selected on the following criteria:

- ✓ Individual qualifications and not that of their employer.
- ✓ Representation from the greatest breadth of diversity in all socio-economic areas.
- ✓ Demonstrated ability to set and achieve personal and professional goals.
- ✓ Demonstrated personal commitment to Sarasota community and society in general.
- ✓ A commitment to the time required by the program.
- ✓ A commitment to be a responsible and engaged participant.
- ✓ A commitment to participate in producing a "day" for the successive class.
- ✓ Announced candidates for public office may not "campaign" and/or use class time to promote their candidacy in any way.

Attendance Policy:

Attendance at all sessions is expected. Attendance at the Orientation, Connections Night, and the entire Opening/Closing Retreat is MANDATORY to continue the Program. Those who are absent from more than two (2) of the remaining sessions listed on the Program Schedule on page 1 will NOT graduate from the program and will NOT receive a tuition refund. Participation in the Class Project is an additional time requirement (outside of class schedule).

****Submission of an application does not guarantee acceptance into the program.***

Candidate Information:

Name (Last, First) Preferred Name Gender

Home Address City Zip Code

Cell Phone Personal Email

Employer Employer Address Check if this is where you want notices sent.

Job Title How many years have you lived in Sarasota?

Work Phone Work Email

Place of Birth

How (or from whom) did you learn about Leadership Sarasota?

Please list any dietary restrictions. Please list any disability or physical limitations.

Shirt: Men's Women's **Size:** _____

Will your employer pay for your tuition? Yes No Partial

Limited tuition assistance is available. Do you need tuition assistance to participate in the program?

Yes No *If "yes", we will follow up with you on how to apply for tuition assistance.*

Recommendations:

Please list two people who are knowledgeable about your leadership performance and potential. Your required (**one**) letter of recommendation may come from one of the individuals listed below. The recommendation needs to be sent directly to **Pete Bartosik** and supplied by the reference.

Name Business Affiliation Email Phone

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Employment History:

Present Employer

Type of Business or Organization

Date Hired

What is your current responsibility with the organization?

List of previous employment (5) years in reverse chronological order:

1. _____
Company Job Title Dates of Employment

2. _____
Company Job Title Dates of Employment

3. _____
Company Job Title Dates of Employment

4. _____
Company Job Title Dates of Employment

5. _____
Company Job Title Dates of Employment

Education: Begin with the highest attained degree.

School Location Degree Attained

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List special awards and/or honors.

Activity Data:

Have you ever applied to Leadership Sarasota before? Yes No If Yes, what year? _____

Have you ever participated in Engage Sarasota? Yes No

Are you part (or ever been a part) of the Sarasota Young Professionals Group? Yes No

Have you been a Sarasota Chamber Ambassador? Yes No

Is your company a Chamber member? Yes No

What influences have contributed to your commitment to the community?

What are the most pressing issues facing the Sarasota community?

What do you hope to gain from the Leadership Sarasota program?

With which volunteer organization/activities are you currently involved? If new to the area, in what have you previously been involved?

Organization

Position/Office

Describe responsibilities and/or accomplishments.

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Approximately, how much time do you devote to community activities each month? _____

Briefly explain.

Final checklist:

- Application typed or printed with all questions answered?**
- Application signed and dated?**
- One letter of recommendation? It must come directly from the reference.**
- Please include a submission of a headshot.**
- All documents must be received before an interview is scheduled.**
- Email to pbartosik@sarasotachamber.com**
- DEADLINE for receipt of COMPLETED application: **May 1st, 2024**, at 11:59 pm**
- For your submitted application to be considered, you must pay the application fee. \$35 Chamber Members; \$75 for Non-Members. [Click here to pay online.](#)**

Signature

Date

Commitment:

Tuition for each Chamber Member is \$1,995. (Non-Chamber Member \$2,250). Once an applicant is selected, payment is due upon the candidate's affirmation of acceptance. To apply, there will be an application fee of \$35 (\$75 for non-members) to be paid at sarasotachamber.com.

To graduate from the Leadership Sarasota program, participants are expected to attend all sessions (please refer specifically to the Leadership Program Schedule on Page 1) and conduct themselves in a professional manner.

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Please initial to indicate that you understand these conditions: _____