



*Leadership
Vernon*

Information & Application

**THE QUALITY OF
OUR LEADERS
WILL DETERMINE
THE FUTURE OF
OUR COMMUNITY**

Application Deadline: Monday, August 16, 2010

Mission Statement

Leadership Vernon is an interaction and learning program bringing citizens of Wilbarger County together to develop leadership qualities as they identify and explore local issues and needs.

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Program Summary

The Leadership Vernon program is a course to develop future community leaders. It has been patterned after other similar leadership programs across the nation that have proven to be extremely successful. The program includes a mandatory retreat, which serves to unify the class and begin the journey of enhancing leadership skills for the betterment of Vernon. Sessions are to be held the first Wednesday of each month with graduation taking place in May. Throughout the program, participants will gain an understanding into the workings of the city and county through tours, panels, quality speakers, and community practitioners. In many cases, the program director of the myriad of local services and businesses will present informative presentations describing their program.

Purpose

- Promote and foster the development of community leaders.
- Acquaint participants with the city/county's assets, needs and opportunities.
- Provide a forum to discuss community challenges with representatives from industry, government, media and human services.
- Encourage and motivate participants to choose an area of interest for active involvement upon graduation from the leadership program.
- Build community leaders for today and tomorrow.

Participation

Leadership Vernon seeks to establish a class of 15 participants who are interested in developing their potential for community leadership. The class is carefully selected to represent business, government, social services, ministries, education, manufacturing, law, medical services, finance and volunteerism.

Policies

- The applicant must have their employer's support for participation.
- The attendance policy is strictly enforced.
- Participants are expected to attend all scheduled meetings of the program. Participants who miss more than twelve hours of the program will be dropped from the class. Attendance will be kept. Attendance at the retreat is required.
- The program fee should be paid in full by September 24, 2010.

Tuition

- Tuition will be \$250.00. The tuition covers the overnight retreat, monthly lunches, notebook/class study handouts, overnight trip to Austin, and the graduation reception and materials. The program fee should be paid in full by September 24, 2010.

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a program of:
Chamber of Commerce
Texas AgriLife Extension, Wilbarger County
Business Development Corporation of Vernon
Vernon College

This application will be kept confidential and coded to protect your identity.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR VERNON LEADERSHIP

The most important factor in selection is identifying those individuals most likely to utilize their leadership skills.

For the long-term benefit of the community. Basic criteria is:

1. Selection of those individuals with a sincere commitment, motivation and interest to serve in the community.
2. Selection of those who have demonstrated commitment by past community activities or have a strong desire to become active in this community.
3. Selection of those interested in key volunteer leadership roles in civic and public affairs.
4. Selection of those with opportunities for advancement to top leadership positions within their own organization which, in turn, may play a significant role in the community.
5. Selection of a cross section of participants from all sections of the community.
6. Selection of applicants who will commit to attend 8 complete sessions, including the opening retreat.
7. Selection of applicants will be based upon a scoring matrix consisting of timeliness, completeness, organizational activities, general question #1 and general question #2.

Applicants should attempt to address these criteria in answering the questions on the application form.

Personal Information

NAME (First, Middle, Last)

HOME ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

TELEPHONE #

AGE

MALE/FEMALE

DATE BEGAN CURRENT JOB

BUSINESS

TITLE

BUSINESS ADDRESS

TELEPHONE #

CITY/STATE/ZIP

FAX#

EMAIL ADDRESS

EMPLOYMENT (ACCOUNT FOR ALL PERIODS INCLUDING MILITARY ACTIVE DUTY)

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT-
EMPLOYER
(in reverse chronological order)

TITLE OR RESPONSIBILITY

DATES

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT- EMPLOYER (in reverse chronological order)	TITLE OR RESPONSIBILITY	DATES

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS (to be determined by Advisory Council)

Meetings will begin in October and continue through May. Attendance at the October retreat is mandatory. Participants are expected to attend all scheduled meetings of the program. Participants who miss more than twelve hours of the program will be dropped from the class. Attendance will be kept.

_____ Initial- Applicant

_____ Initial- Employer

TUITION AND FUNDING

If accepted in the LEADERSHIP VERNON program, you may be expected to personally pay \$50.00 of the tuition cost. The balance of the tuition cost may be paid by an employer or sponsoring organization. The tuition fee will cover meals, speakers, travel expenses, etc.

All applications are subject to confidential evaluation. If you are not selected to participate in the current leadership program, your biographical data will be retained by the committee for consideration of later enrollment. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Completed applications can be dropped off at the Business Development Corporation of Vernon. Applications can also be mailed to:

Leadership Vernon
P.O. Box 862
Vernon, TX 76385

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE

Should this applicant be accepted for LEADERSHIP VERNON, I understand that he/she will be taking time off work to participate, and agree with this arrangement.

SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYER DATE
(If applicable)

Resident of Wilbarger County how many years _____ Are you a registered voter? Yes _____ No _____

EDUCATION

SCHOOL	LOCATION	DATES ATTENDED		DEGREE	MAJOR
		FROM (mo/yr)	TO (mo/yr)		
HIGH SCHOOL					
COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY					
OTHER					

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL HONORS OR AWARDS FOR LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

SPECIAL AWARDS, HONORS, PRIZES FOR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES (additional attachments may be included)

COMMUNITY, CIVIC, PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, ACTIVITIES, HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

HOW MUCH TIME EACH MONTH DO YOU COMMIT TO COMMUNITY, CIVIC, PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES? (ESTIMATED HOURS PER MONTH)

GENERAL (Additional attachments may be included)

1. WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO GAIN AND WHAT ARE YOUR EXPECTATIONS OF LEADERSHIP VERNON?

2. IN YOUR JUDGMENT, WHAT ARE THE MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS FACING WILBARGER COUNTY TODAY?

Applicant Score Sheet

Name: _____

Scoring Criteria	Comments	Possible Score	Actual Score
Timeliness *Application returned in a timely manner		5	
Completeness *All information completed		5	
Organizational Activities *Number of organizational activities participated		10	
General Question #1 *Response to question #1, page 4 of application		15	
General Question #2 *Response to question #2, page 4 of application		15	
		Total Possible Score of 50	

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Important Dates for Class 2011

September 28	Reception
October 1 & 2	Retreat- (Mandatory Overnight Stay)
November 3	Leadership Characteristics/ Tours
December 1	Medical/Social Services
January 5	Local/Regional Economy/ Pick Project
February 2	Tours
March 2	City/County Government Day
March 23-24	Overnight stay in Austin (Strongly encouraged)
April 6	Environment/ Agriculture
May 4	Education/Graduation