



Environmental & Agriculture Day

Leadership Charlotte begins with an evening orientation followed by a full day workshop entitled: "Simulated Society," an enlightening experience.

*"Having moved to Charlotte County within the past two years, this class was instrumental in educating me on the community and the wide array of resources it offers. Networking has always been a part of my life and this class just enhanced my experience. I also gained some wonderful life-long friends along the way."*  
 Lisa Gallucci, The Visual Arts Center

*"Leadership Charlotte has been such a rewarding experience, not only have I become so much more aware of everything we have here in our community, but also making wonderful friendships. It has provided both personal friendships and also important work networking."*  
 Jen Wolfe, United Way of Charlotte County

The Leadership Charlotte program brings together no more than 25 individuals who wish to increase their leadership skills and gain a better understanding of the opportunities and challenges in our community. Participants in Leadership Charlotte commit to attend monthly day-long sessions, as well as participate in whatever class project they select.

*"Participating in this Leadership class has afforded me invaluable insights into Charlotte County, exposing me to experiences and connections I never imagined. The friendships forged during this journey are bound to endure for years to come."*  
 Peri A. Bluemer, Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson

Course requirements for graduation include mandatory attendance at the "Simulated Society" session (Friday, October 25). Attendance is also expected at each of the monthly sessions, unless one is excused for special circumstances. No more than two absences permitted to meet graduation requirements.



Health Care Day

*"Having grown up in Charlotte County, I thought I knew everything there was to know about our little town. Being a member of Leadership Charlotte has allowed me the opportunity to learn so much more about how amazing our county is and has provided me with endless resources and connections I plan to utilize so much in the future!"*  
 Jillmarie Gendreau, Esq., M.S.W., McCrory Law Firm



Government Day

The Leadership Charlotte program began in 1988 and now has approximately 875 graduates who, together as alumni, continue to lead many of the community service efforts in Charlotte County. Alumni include bankers, clergy, lawyers, paralegals, accountants, small business owners, educators, realtors, artists, sales managers . . . the list goes on and on.

Monthly day-long sessions focus on environment, government, education, agriculture, arts and humanities, health care, media, local economy, tourism, and justice.

To apply, follow the directions on the inside. For more information, call 941-627-2222.

*"Leadership Charlotte has surpassed all of my expectations. I anticipated creating some business connections, but I never expected to forge such a vast number of professional relationships and lifelong friendships. As a small business owner, I could not have made a better decision for myself or my company."*  
 Dori Holtvoight, Big Shot Marketing & Design

*"The Charlotte Leadership Program was a transformative experience that deepened my understanding of our community. Through immersive day trips, engaging with local leaders, and hands-on projects, I gained invaluable insights into the unique challenges and opportunities within Charlotte County. This program has equipped me with the knowledge and skills to contribute meaningfully to our community's growth and development."*  
 Kristen Manomat, Girls on the Run of Southwest Florida

*"Leadership Charlotte, a whole new experience in your very own back yard. Hidden gems that you wish you knew sooner, people you will meet that will become lifelong friends. Best way to get know your community and the amazing people that live in it."*  
 Ricardo Terrazas, CCUFC, Achieva Credit Union

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# APPLICATION 2025



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 Chamber of Commerce



# Leadership Charlotte Confidential Application

- Selection of Leadership Charlotte participants is anonymous and is based solely upon the answers to the questions on this application, so please be thoughtful, sincere, and comprehensive.
- There is special emphasis on seating a representative group of persons involved in a variety of businesses, professions, government and community service.
- Class size is limited to twenty-five students.
- Participants are selected through an anonymous process. Try to avoid revealing your identity through your answers to the questions.

*"My experience with Leadership Charlotte has been quite rewarding and so much more than I expected. It was such an honor to explore the many parts of Charlotte County and see how all these areas come together to make our county one of the greatest in the state. I have had the pleasure to work side by side with amazing professionals from all over and give back to our community through our charitable projects. This is truly a memorable experience and I certainly look forward to continuing my journey with Leadership Charlotte for many years to come. GO GREEN!"*  
Angie R. Misner, Crews Bank & Trust

**Please answer the following nine questions thoroughly as your answers will have a direct impact on your acceptance into the program. Please type your answers on plain sheets of paper. Number your answers to correspond with the questions and staple your answers to this form for submission.**

- 1** Tell us about yourself, such as employment history, extracurricular activities, education and special interests.
- 2** During your business career, what do you consider your most significant contribution or achievement?
- 3** List, in order of importance to you, as many as five community, civic, professional, business, or other organizations in which you are or have been a member, and include number of years as a member and offices held.
- 4** To date, what do you consider your most significant community contribution?
- 5** How much time each month do you commit to community, civic, professional and other organizations and activities in Charlotte County?
- 6** Describe an important ambition in your life. Tell what you hope to accomplish or achieve and what position you hope to attain.
- 7** What do you consider to be your major strengths and qualifications for participation in the Leadership Charlotte program?
- 8** Describe your reason for wanting to participate in Leadership Charlotte. What benefits to the community do you feel are likely to result from your participation in Leadership Charlotte?
- 9** Write a paragraph discussing one specific problem that you have observed within Charlotte County. Make one suggestion for assisting with this problem by either yourself or the Leadership Charlotte class as a class project.

**I understand the purpose of the Leadership Charlotte program and, if I am selected, I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the program, including my participation in the class project. I understand the monthly attendance requirements and have the full support of my employer for the time required to participate. I hereby commit that, if selected, I will use the knowledge acquired and relationships developed in Leadership Charlotte for the good of the entire community by becoming, or continuing to be, actively engaged in civic and community work, including with the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce.**

Program participants must be members of, or employed by members of, the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce, and membership dues must be current. Cost of the program is \$795 and is payable at the time of acceptance. Half scholarships may be available. If needed, please advise when applying. **There is a \$50.00 application fee; if accepted, the fee will be applied towards the tuition balance (Submit with application).**

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

— Please print or type. —

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nick Name \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Do you reside in Charlotte County? \_\_\_\_\_ If "yes," for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied to Leadership Charlotte before? \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male

**The application deadline is 4:00 p.m., Friday, August 2, 2024.** Return completed application and fee to: Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce, 2702 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952, 941-627-2222. Completed applications may be emailed to Janet Caffee at [jcaffee@charlottecountychamber.org](mailto:jcaffee@charlottecountychamber.org).