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Developing Future Leaders.....Today!

Training business and professional people to assume community leadership roles is one way to ensure a continuing reservoir of leadership talent for the future. For the past 30 years some of our most knowledgeable citizens and business people have helped develop community leaders through the Leadership Statesville program.

Leadership Statesville is looking for those who will lead the Statesville community through the transitions of growth that will be taking place in the near future. The Greater Statesville Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for Leadership Statesville 2009. Each year, approximately 20-25 individuals come together and spend ten months learning about the challenges facing the greater Statesville area. These individuals begin the year as strangers and end the year having formed a life-long network of friends and colleagues. Most importantly, these individuals leave Leadership Statesville with a commitment to assume their responsibility as community leaders not only serving their community but becoming a resource to their company or agency as the organization seeks to make an effective community investment.

This program concentrates on training business and professional people to assume community leadership roles. For over 30 years, Leadership Statesville has been challenging and teaching Statesville leaders how to apply their talents through volunteer, appointed, and elected community positions. This program strives to enhance communications among leaders from diverse backgrounds and interests and to provide these men and women with a practical and sophisticated understanding of the major community issues facing the greater Statesville area. The program also offers the unique opportunity to access information about the community, develop leadership skills through a hands-on class project, as well as preparing for the challenge of strengthening and transforming our community through active involvement.

Goals of Leadership Statesville

- To identify potential community leaders with diverse backgrounds and provide them with information, partnerships and experiences that will assist them in expanding their skills and commitment to voluntary civic responsibility.
- To inform, challenge and motivate these men and women by enhancing their leadership skills through information, dialogue and hands-on experience.
- To facilitate access between Leadership Statesville class members and the current leadership of the community.
- To prepare class members to accept the unique opportunity, as well as the responsibility, to strengthen and transform the Statesville community through active involvement.

Commitment

Leadership Statesville requires a serious commitment of time. Participants should be prepared to devote a minimum of one day per month for each session along with a two day retreat. All sessions are mandatory in order to graduate from the program. The community project, a required component for participation, may require additional time above and beyond the scheduled meeting days. The success of this program will depend on full participation by the individual in both the scheduled meeting days and the community project.

Program Design – Curriculum

Leadership Statesville is a balanced combination of educational experiences, including seminars, dialogues, a retreat and a group community project over a ten-month period (August 2008 – May 2009). An orientation followed by an overnight retreat at the Nantahala Outdoor Center in Bryson City is designed to ensure a class identity and to build relationships. During the two day retreat classmates reach a solid understanding of how they work as a team by focusing on personal leadership skills and group dynamics through team building initiatives and the Alpine Tower the first day. The second day the class will learn to utilize their team skills while white water rafting down the Nantahala River. After the retreat a series of day-long sessions provides information regarding local issues, areas of community need, and current resources through the interaction between community leaders and program participants, stimulating interest and awareness. Leadership practices are interwoven throughout the year. Leadership Statesville alumni are a fundamental part of the program. They commit their expertise, energy and a significant amount of time to the committee work necessary to maintain the level of excellence in class membership and programming.

Sample Class Calendar *(Topics and dates may vary)*

July 8	Application Deadline
July–August	Review of Applications and Interviews Class Members Selected
August 28	New Class Orientation
September 18 & 19	Two-Day Retreat at the Nantahala Outdoor Center, Bryson City
October 16	Statesville in a Day
October TBA	Lunch & Learn Seminar
November 13	Arts and Culture Day
November TBA	Lunch & Learn Seminar
December 11	Education Day
January 15	HealthCare Day
February 19	Criminal Justice Day
March 19	Economic Development Day
April 16	Energy & Environment Day
May 21	Power, Influence and Leadership Day
May 28	Graduation

Selection/Tuition

Each summer a class of approximately 20-25 participants is selected to represent a cross-section of the private/for-profit, public and non-profit sectors throughout the greater Statesville area. Participant's community interest, involvement, recommendations, and ability to assume expanded community responsibilities are considered in being selected for the program. Each class should consist of participants representing a variety of ages and backgrounds. While no two participants share the same background, all share a commitment to the greater Statesville area and a desire to take an active role in determining Statesville's future.

The tuition for the 2008-2009 Leadership Statesville Class is \$650. Two or more from the same company will cost \$600 each. Partial scholarships are available to individuals from small businesses, select non-profits and educational institutions. **Chamber membership is NOT required to submit an application, however, chamber membership is required for those selected to be in the class.**

If an applicant is selected for the class and her/his company or organization is not a member of the Greater Statesville Chamber of Commerce, this company or organization will be referred to the Chamber membership director and the company or organization will be expected to sign a membership agreement which will include a membership fee prior to the first day of class. In most cases, employers cover part or all of the tuition payment.

The application deadline is July 8, 2008. Late applications will not be accepted. For more information and for an application form, please contact Cathy Morris at 704-873-2892 or cmorris@statesvillechamber.org.

PERSONAL DATA

Name _____
Last Middle First Nickname

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

BUSINESS DATA

Company Name _____ Title _____

Company Address _____
Street/P.O. Box City State Zip

Company Phone _____ Fax _____ Email Address _____

COMMUNITY DATA

Community Activities & Personal Accomplishments _____

PROBLEM SOLVING OPPORTUNITIES (Use only space provided)

One of the goals of LEADERSHIP STATESVILLE is to build a network of diverse community leaders who can enhance their problem solving and other leadership abilities through shared perspectives and working together.

What do you feel are the three most significant problems facing the Greater Statesville area today?

What are the three most notable opportunities the Greater Statesville area has to offer?

C. Describe your vision for the future of the greater Statesville area and what role you will play in helping achieve it.

D. What specific skills/knowledge do you hope to gain from your participation in LEADERSHIP STATESVILLE?

E. Leadership Statesville will accept a maximum of 30 participants. If more than 30 applications are received, why do you believe you should be selected to participate in Leadership Statesville? _____

Commitment Requirements

Attendance

Attendance at all sessions including orientation and the two day opening retreat and other social functions is required. The **overnight retreat is mandatory and is a pre-requisite for Leadership Statesville**. Participation in the class project is also required for graduation. Any participant missing more than one session, including orientation will not graduate, but will receive a Certificate of Participation. To fulfill graduation requirements, participants that receive certificates may make up the sessions they missed in the next Leadership Statesville Program at no additional cost.

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Applicant's Commitment

If selected as a participant in Leadership Statesville, I will commit to attending all scheduled sessions/functions sponsored by the program, and I understand that attendance is required when regular sessions are scheduled. The monthly sessions, overnight retreat, orientation and class project are mandatory. Tuition is non-refundable after August 4, 2008.

I understand the above commitments and agree to be bound by them in the signing of this application.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Employer's Commitment

This application has the approval of this organization and the applicant has our full support, which includes the time required to participate in the Leadership Statesville 2008 Program.

Employer's Signature

Title

Date

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Please return completed/signed application to: Greater Statesville Chamber of Commerce
Leadership Statesville 2007
115 E. Front St.
Statesville, NC 28677