

LEADERSHIP PLANO

History

The Plano Chamber of Commerce created Leadership Plano in 1983 as a community leadership development program. The purpose of Leadership Plano is to identify, educate and develop future leaders for the Plano community and to motivate these potential leaders for civic, charitable and community involvement.

Leadership Plano participants have the opportunity to explore the inner workings of the community. The insight they gain serves as a foundation for their long-term involvement in Plano and the surrounding communities in a variety of leadership roles.

The Leadership Plano program delivers:

- an extended communications network among civic, business and educational leaders.
- a source of high quality leaders.
- a leadership base with broadened perspectives prepared to address issues critical to Plano's future.

Purpose

Leadership Plano participants undertake a 9-month program designed to increase their personal, professional and community leadership skills. The program begins with a 2-day orientation retreat in September that focuses on individual leadership styles. The class then spends 1 full day a month from October through May examining specific aspects of the community, such as education, area government, business and economic development, health and human services, the criminal justice system, regional issues, and the arts.

Requirements

Applicants need the full support of the organization or corporation they represent because Leadership Plano requires full participation at the mandatory Orientation Retreat and at each monthly session. Participants who do not fulfill the attendance and participation requirements will not graduate from the program.

Criteria & Cost

Leadership Plano seeks a diverse cross-section of men and women from the public, private and nonprofit sector who are committed to the well-being of Plano and who are interested in assuming greater responsibility for the future leadership of our community. Criteria for selection includes:

- a strong desire to become actively involved in the community.
- a commitment to on-going personal development and community education.
- a willingness to accept leadership roles and assume greater responsibilities within civic, charitable and community organizations.
- a commitment to program attendance and participation requirements.

Individuals from all segments of the community are encouraged to apply. Selection is based solely on an applicant's merit from the information provided in the application. Leadership Plano applications are available at the Chamber office from April through May of each year or by visiting the web site at www.leadershipplano.org.

Tuition for the program is \$950. A \$100 discount is available to Plano Chamber of Commerce members in good standing. Tuition is payable by the individual, the employer, or a sponsoring organization. Program costs, including meals, course materials, transportation and retreat lodging, are covered by a combination of tuition and corporate and alumni contributions. Upon acceptance into the program, tuition is due in full by August 15. Scholarship assistance is available on a limited basis. For more information, see the scholarship information sheet. Tuition is non-refundable after September 1.

If you think you would be interested in experiencing the Leadership Plano program, fill out your application today! **The application deadline is June 15.**

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