



Leadership Durant Class of 2011-2012

What is Leadership Durant?

Leadership Durant is for professionals who desire to learn more about their community and develop or further enhance their leadership skills. Individuals exit the class having identified and molded their specific leadership skills.

The Leadership class begins in July with a reception and is completed in June with graduation. The class meets for one day every month with the exception of December. They will participate in activities ranging from team building exercises to visiting area media, city, county, and state officials. They will also tour schools, hospital, and other areas of interest, such as museums and the State Capitol in Oklahoma City.

The first meeting for the new class members will be a reception held in July 2011. The first class day will be in August 2011. This is orientation day and each student will receive their Durant Leadership portfolio and the agenda for each month.

Students and employers must commit to this program for it to be effective.

Former class members include Vice Presidents of Banks, Business Owners, Managers, Teachers, Professors, Attorneys and Administration personnel.

Attach recent 2x3 photograph (passport photo is acceptable or we can take a photo for you if necessary)

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I. Personal Data

Last Name	First	Middle	Prefer to be called
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Company/Association	Position/Title	Length of Service
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Business Address	City/Zip
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Home Address	City/Zip
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Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email
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Name of Spouse	Children (names & ages)
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Date of Birth	Shirt Size
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Briefly describe your primary occupation and duties.

II. Previous Employment (most current first)

Employer	Title or Responsibility
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III. Education (most current first)

Name	Dates	Major	Degree
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IV. Organizations/Activities/Community Involvement

Describe your current business, volunteer, civic, community and worship-related activities – noting any special awards and citations. Include specific examples of your leadership experience.

Organization	Position(s) Held	No. of Hours (Monthly)
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Past Involvement

Organization	Dates	Position(s) Held
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V. Participation

In order to accomplish the objectives of the LEADERSHIP DURANT program, the full participation of each individual selected is necessary. Absenteeism will result in being dropped from the course. Only one (1) absence is allowed from regularly scheduled class days. Any time a class member misses a meeting the member will need to write a letter explaining their absence and have their supervisor sign the letter in order for the absence to be excused. You will have seven (7) days after the missed meeting to do so. If, because of extreme hardships, you will not be able to have the letter signed by your supervisor and delivered in time then you will need to contact the Executive Director of the Chamber to request additional time. It will be within the Executive Directors sole discretion to determine the legitimacy of your need for additional time. Excused absences are for health and other compelling reasons. Two unexcused absences and you will not be allowed to graduate from the Leadership Durant Program. If you are unable to make a commitment, it is not in your best interest to apply at this time. Participants must commit to miss no more than one session of the LEADERSHIP DURANT course. You and/or your employer must be willing and able to make such a commitment (at least one day per month from August – June – excluding December).

Will you be able to fulfill this time commitment? YES NO

Do you have the full support of your employer for the time required to participate effectively in LEADERSHIP DURANT? YES NO

VI. Tuition

If you are accepted as a participant, you will be billed for the \$350 tuition. Payment may be made in installments, with the total due on or before July 30, 2011. Tuition includes a one-year, Individual membership to the Durant Chamber of Commerce if you are not already a member.

Fill in appropriate boxes:

My employer is prepared to cover \$350 of the tuition (employer to sign below).

I will assume responsibility for the full tuition if accepted.

I want to be considered for a partial needs-based scholarship and am enclosing a brief statement explaining why I am requesting financial assistance. I understand that I may be contacted for additional information concerning this request.

Employer's Signature _____ Date _____

To the employer:

Name of applicants direct supervisor _____

Phone number for supervisor _____

Supervisor's Signature _____ Date _____

Please include the following with your completed application:

- 1. On a separate sheet, explain why you want to be selected for Leadership Durant.**
- 2. Attach two (2) letters of recommendation – Including one (1) from the person who nominated you.**
- 3. Resume**
- 4. Photo**

All applications are subject to confidential evaluation and a personal interview by the Leadership Durant committee. If you are not selected to participate in the LEADERSHIP DURANT program, your biographical data will be retained by the committee for consideration of later enrollment.

Applications must be returned to the Durant Area Chamber of Commerce by June 30, 2011 at 5 P.M. Acceptance letters will be mailed out on or before July 11, 2011.

I understand the purpose of the LEADERSHIP DURANT program and that completion of this application does not insure my acceptance in the next class. If selected to participate, I will devote the time required. I also understand that the tuition fee will not be refundable to any participant dropped from the program. I certify that all of the statements made in the application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and are made in good faith. I know and understand that all items herein may be verified.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Nominated By:

Phone Number

Application Deadline:

Applications must be received in the Chamber office by no later than 5 P.M. on Thursday, June 30, 2011.

Send to:

Leadership Durant
Durant Area Chamber of Commerce
215 North Fourth Avenue
Durant, OK 74701