

2012 LEADERSHIP OLATHE APPLICATION

*Over Thirty Years of Building Community Leadership
A program of the Olathe Chamber of Commerce*

Application to Leadership Olathe is open to persons who have lived, attended school or worked in the Olathe area. Class participants are chosen by the Leadership Olathe Steering Committee or their respective school administration on their own merits based upon the information contained in the following application. All candidates must have the full support of the school, organization, business or corporation they represent. Leadership Olathe requires a serious commitment of time and focus. Attendance at all sessions is mandatory. In reviewing the applications, Leadership Olathe looks for potential participants who demonstrate the following criteria:

- A commitment and motivation to serve the community.
- A demonstrated background of community involvement or a sincere commitment to become involved.
- A history of leadership or evidence of potential leadership in one's school, career or organization.
- The ability to make the time commitment required by the program.

The Leadership Olathe investment is \$1,000 for chamber members, \$1,200 for non-chamber members. Limited partial scholarships may be available for those in need and meet tuition assistance guidelines and criteria. Scholarship request form must be completed and submitted with application to be considered for financial assistance. Scholarship request form can be found at http://www.olathe.org/leadership_programs/2012ScholarshipApplication.pdf. Tuition includes meals, materials, meeting space and out of town transportation when appropriate. In order to be considered for selection, all nominees must complete the following application. However, completing this application does not guarantee selection.

In order for this application to be deemed eligible, all questions must be answered. You are required to submit two letters of recommendation to this application. **This completed application must be received no later than Friday, December 1, 2011. Candidates will be announced by December 16, 2012.** Please read all instructions carefully. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Felski at bfelski@olathe.org.

I. Contact Information

First Name _____ Middle Initial ____ Last Name _____ Birth Date _____

Preferred First Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Home Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ - _____

Home Phone # (____) _____ Mobile (____) _____ Work (____) _____

Email (hm) _____ Email (wk) _____

I prefer to receive e-mail at ↑ Home ↑ Work ↑ Both

II. Employment / Education

Present Employer _____ Job Title _____ Date of Hire _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ - _____

Check your highest educational level completed and / or specialized training completed:

- Elementary ↑ Junior High ↑ High School ↑ Some College
↑ College ↑ Graduate School ↑ Doctorate ↑ Other _____

Name of high school where you graduated _____

Name of College/University (s) where you graduated _____

Military Service Branch _____ From _____ To _____

III. You and Your Community

Number of years in the Olathe area: _____ years

Hobbies/Interests _____

Complete these sentences: I am most proud of _____.

My greatest strength is my ability to _____.

Few people know I can _____.

A. In your opinion, what is the one greatest asset of our community today?

B. In your opinion, what is the one greatest challenge facing our community?

C. Describe a situation when you utilized your own leadership skills in motivating a team:

D. Explain how you have had to deal with a conflict situation and how you resolved it:

E. What is your definition of a leader?

F. How much time do you currently (or hope to in the future) commit to volunteer activities? _____ Hours per month

G. List any volunteer political, social, civic, or religious organizations in which you are currently active:

Organization	Position (member, officer, etc.)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

H. What do you consider your most important accomplishment in one of the above organizations and why?

I. What type of volunteer activities would you like to become active with in the future?

J. Do you have any political aspirations? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Possibly in the future.

IV. Purpose

A. What motivated you to apply for this program?

B. What do you hope to gain from your participation in the Leadership Olathe program?

C. What do you think you can personally contribute to your community?

D. How did you learn of the Leadership Olathe program or if nominated, please list the name/organization who nominated you?

V. References

Please list two persons who are knowledgeable about your leadership performance and potential. You should submit a letter of recommendation from each of the persons listed below when you apply.

1. Name _____ Title _____

Firm/Organization/School _____ Phone # _____

2. Name _____ Title _____

Firm/Organization/School _____ Phone # _____

VI. Commitment **Attendance at all Leadership Session is mandatory.** Please refer to Program Schedule

A. Applicant Signature

With my signature, I swear that all statements in this application are true. I understand the purpose of Leadership Olathe and if I am selected, I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the program. I further understand that my attendance at all sessions is mandatory. I also understand the above commitments and agree to be bound to them by signing this application. If selected, I will arrange to pay in full or make payment arrangements for my Leadership Olathe tuition no later than January 31, 2012.

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date** _____

B. Employer Signature

As the employer, I will support this applicant's participation in the 2012 Leadership Olathe program by assuring that this applicant can attend each session.

Signature of Employer _____ **Date** _____

Submit program application and two letters of recommendation by Thursday, December 1, 2011

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