

CHAUTAUQUA LEADERSHIP NETWORK

Developing Effective Community Oriented Leadership



Application for Membership

Ideal candidates should:

- Live and/or work in Chautauqua County.
- Show interest in building a better community in active control of its destiny.
- Possess the willingness to participate in a growing network of knowledgeable and committed trained leaders.
- Seek improvement of leadership development skills necessary for career achievement or participation in community activities.
- Have support from their sponsoring organization to attend programming.
- Have the time to devote to the program and the training.

Application Instructions:

- The application must be signed by the candidate, any financial sponsor, and the candidate's employer.
- Class size is limited due to our commitment to provide high quality training and educational experiences to our members. Please spend the time necessary to fully complete the application.
- Your completed application is due by November 15th! Please return it by email (preferred) to director@chautauqualeadership.org or by US Mail to:

Chautauqua Leadership Network
16 East Second Street, 2nd FL, Ste. 3
Jamestown, NY 14701

Applications submitted timely will get preference for acceptance and scholarships.

Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Home Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Work Email: _____

Years living and/or working in Chautauqua County: _____

Sex: Male Female

Employment:

Employer Name: _____

Employer Address: _____

Type of Organization (government, manufacturing, not-for-profit, etc.): _____

Size of Organization: Self-employed 2 - 10 Employees 11 - 50 Employees 50 + Employees

Job Title: _____

Current job responsibilities:

Education : (Please begin with highest level obtained and work back through high school)

<u>School Name</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Degree Obtained</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Most Notable Accomplishments: (Please note either formal or informal accomplishments. Feel free to list more than one. No accomplishment is too small. Examples may include accomplishments from school, work, and/or community.)

Community Involvement (Please list activities outside of your employment that you have been involved in within the past five years. Examples may include community, cultural, athletic, social, religious, or other areas.)

Please list what you believe to be the best assets or advantages of living or working in Chautauqua County: _____

Please list what you believe to be the most significant problems of living or working in Chautauqua County: _____

How do you think you could contribute to the solution of these problems? _____

What is your definition of a leader? _____

What leadership skills are you hoping to gain from you CLN participation? _____

How did you learn of Chautauqua Leadership Network?

- Co-worker Mailing Word of Mouth
- Newspaper Website Other: _____
- CLN Member *Name:* _____

Employer gains:

- ◆ An employee with increased organizational skills
- ◆ Employees with a better understanding of the community environment
- ◆ Higher visibility through the company's increased involvement in community affairs
- ◆ Increased access to other community leaders and resources

Participant gains:

- ◆ A better understanding of self and their personal leadership style
- ◆ A new set of skilled peers and networking resources
- ◆ Knowledge of Chautauqua County's communities along with their assets and challenges
- ◆ A greater appreciation of leadership styles and skills

Time Commitment

The time commitment is a weekend retreat generally held the last weekend in February. It is usually followed by 1/2-day or full-day training sessions occurring once a month. In addition, there are small group projects that will require some participation outside of the scheduled training time. Candidates are required to attend the retreat and all training sessions. A complete schedule will be available online by November 30 or by calling our Director at 716-338-1555.

Financial Commitment

Tuition for the program is \$1,250 and is due by December 31. A limited amount of money has been designated for scholarships and may be available. Please be aware that full financial assistance is not available.

I would like to apply for a scholarship: Yes No

If yes, briefly describe why: (please complete if requesting a scholarship) Please specify the amount you are requesting on the line below.

Candidate's Contribution	\$ _____
Sponsor/Employer Contribution	\$ _____
Requested Financial Assistance	\$ _____
Tuition Total	\$ <u> 1,250</u>

I understand the goals and commitments of the Chautauqua Leadership Network. If selected, I (the candidate) will attend all the sessions/functions and devote the time necessary to be a contributing member. I understand that if I (the candidate) cannot meet these obligations, I (he/she) may be asked to withdraw from the program. Tuition is not refundable.

Employer Signature _____

Candidate Signature _____

Employer Name _____

Candidate Name _____

Employer Title _____

Candidate Title _____

In order to provide equal advancement opportunities to all individuals, class acceptance decisions will be based on merit, qualifications, and abilities. The Chautauqua Leadership Network does not discriminate in class selection or membership practices on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other characteristic protected by law. The Chautauqua Leadership Network will make reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with known disabilities unless doing so would result in an undue hardship. This policy governs all aspects of our operation including selection, dues assessment, job assignment, compensation, discipline, termination, expulsion, and access to benefits and training.