

*"The only way of finding the limits of the possible
is by going beyond them into the impossible"*
- Arthur C. Clarke



2010-2011 L.E.A.D. Athens Program Information

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LEADERSHIP EDUCATION AWARENESS DEVELOPMENT

L.E.A.D. Athens is a program of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce designed to develop effective leaders committed to building a vibrant community. The intense year-long program explores a myriad of topics including economic development, local industry, health care, government, secondary and higher education, the arts and more. Participants delve into economic development at the local, state, and regional levels. They learn current issues and explore future challenges. Each year the programs are theme based around movies and provide an intense, well rounded and fun L.E.A.D. Athens experience designed to enhance the leadership development of class members.

APPLICATIONS Deadline: Friday, April 22, 2010

Submit by mail, electronically or hand deliver to

L.E.A.D. Athens

Attn: Lorraine Edwards

Athens Area Chamber of Commerce

246 W. Hancock Avenue

Athens, GA 30601

lorraine@lorrainecommunications.com

Call: 706-549-6800; cell 706-540-9101

ACCEPTANCE: Candidates are selected on their own merits from written applications to L.E.A.D. Athens no later than April 22. Each class is limited in size, and those applicants not accepted are encouraged to re-apply the following year. Letters of acceptance will be mailed by Monday, May 9, 2010.

ATTENDANCE: Participants are required to attend the orientation, retreat, and all class activities and sessions. **The lack of full participation will result in deferred graduation.**

TUITION: Tuition for L.E.A.D. Athens is \$1,000 per participant and is due by June 30, 2010. Tuition is non-refundable. A very limited number of scholarships is available for up to 50% of the tuition. *If a scholarship is extremely critical to your participation in L.E.A.D. Athens, please explain your need in a brief statement attached to your application.*

2010-2011 DATES

Wednesday, March 31, 2010	Deadline for Nominations
Friday, April 23, 2010	DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS
Monday, May 10, 2010	Acceptance Letters Sent
Friday, May 21, 2010	Acceptance Forms Returned to Chamber
Thursday, June 3, 2010	<i>The Hunt for the Real Athens</i> (Orientation), 1- 5 pm
Wednesday, June 30, 2010	Deadline for tuition
Friday, July 23-July 25, 2010	Retreat, Dillard House; Dillard, GA
Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010	Project Overview, 1 – 5 pm
Thursday, September 9, 2010	<i>The Good, the Bad and the Ugly</i> , (Economic Development) 8 am – 5 pm
Thursday, Oct. 14	<i>Giants of Industry</i> (Economic Engines), 8 am – 5 pm
Thursday, Nov. 11	<i>Leading with Your Heart</i> , (Health Care), 8 am – 5 pm
Thursday, Dec. 9	<i>The Pursuit of Happiness</i> (Health and Human Resources), 8 am – 5 pm
Thursday, Jan 13	<i>Our Town</i> ,(Local Government). 8 am – 5 pm
Thursday, Feb. 10	<i>Courage Under Fire</i> (State Government), 8 am – 5 pm
Thursday, Mar. 10	<i>As Good As It Gets</i> (Art, History, Culture). 8 am – 5 pm
Thursday, Apr. 14	A Night at the Academy Awards, Graduation, 5: 00- 8:00 pm**

THIS PAGE TO BE COMPLETED BY AN AUTHORIZED SUPERVISOR OF SPONSORING COMPANY:

Please note on this form or submit a letter of reference stating why you feel this applicant is a good candidate for L.E.A.D. Athens.

Please sign below signifying that you have reviewed this application and authorize the above applicant to fully participate in L.E.A.D. Athens, including the orientation and retreat.

___ Yes, I understand the time commitments of L.E.A.D. Athens, and I support the applicant's full participation.

Supervisor's Signature

Date

Supervisor's Name (please print)

Supervisor's Title

Please provide your letter of support of the applicant in a sealed envelope and return to the applicant for inclusion in his or her application packet or send directly to L.E.A.D. Athens, Attn: Lorraine Edwards, Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, 246 W. Hancock Ave., Athens, GA. 30601. Deadline: Friday, April 22, 2010, 5:00 pm. Or e-mail to lorraine@lorrainecommunications.com