**COVID-19 ALERT: Class schedule is subject to change due to the COVID-19. All class days will be in compliance with Governor Cooper’s executive orders and the guidelines outlined by the NCDHHS. Any changes will be communicated to you through email from Jackie Huitt.**

**Submission Deadline:** 5 p.m., Friday, July 16, 2021

**John Freehafer Scholarship Submission Deadline:** 5 p.m., Friday, July 16, 2021 (must be included with your application submission)

**Questions:** Contact Jackie Huitt at 919.664.7045 or via email at jhuitt@raleighchamber.org

**Instructions for Completing Application:**

Candidates are asked to download the application and complete as a Word document. Please use extra room as needed to answer questions throughout the application. Completed applications must be submitted electronically to leadershipraleigh@raleighchamber.org by July 16, 2021 by 5 p.m.

**Leadership Raleigh Mission:**

Provide a recognized source of leadership talent for the community and present opportunities for Raleigh Chamber members to meet and keep abreast of business and community issues. Over a ten-month period, participants receive an in-depth view of community issues, develop leadership skills necessary to assume leadership roles, and are exposed to community involvement opportunities.

**Tuition:**

Cost is $2,800 (\*price subject to change) and includes all expenses for the orientation, two-day opening retreat, monthly program sessions, and graduation. A limited number of partial scholarships are available through our John Freehafer Scholarship Fund.

**Scholarship Opportunities:**

The Raleigh Chamber is committed to reflecting diversity in the Leadership Raleigh program. The key to our collective success and business strength is to cultivate a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment that reflects the full spectrum of leadership in our region.

The Leadership Raleigh Alumni Board created the John Freehafer Scholarship Fund for individuals who are employed by institutions that may be unable to provide full financial support. These organizations include nonprofits, small business professionals, and minority owned business.

A limited amount of financial assistance in form of a sponsorship are available. Candidates who need financial assistance are encouraged to contact Jackie Huitt with questions and to obtain the application. This application needs to be submitted along with the LR application.

**Selection Criteria:**

Each Leadership Raleigh class is has a maximum of 50 participants per class. Selection is based upon the quality and depth of answers provided on the application. A successful candidate will demonstrate commitment and interest in our region.

A committee will review and score candidates’ applications to select for the program. Only one employee from a member company is selected to participate per Leadership Raleigh class.

All selected participants must be (or become) members of the Raleigh Chamber in order to participate. To become a Chamber member call 919.664.7000.

**2021/2022 Classes:**

Two Leadership Raleigh classes take place each year. Please designate your preferred class. We will do our best to accommodate preferences given but no guarantees. Participants cannot transfer participation from one class to another after the program begins.

**Leadership Raleigh 43**

**Orientation:** Oct. 7, 2021

**Opening Retreat:** Oct. 21 - 22, 2021

**Monthly Sessions (Sessions typically run 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)**

Nov. 4, 2021

Dec. 2, 2021

Jan. 6, 2022

Feb. 3, 2022

March 3, 2022

April 7, 2022

May 5, 2022

June 2, 2022

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**Report Session** **and** **Graduation:** July 8, 2022

**Leadership Raleigh 44**

**Orientation:** Oct. 13, 2021

**Opening Retreat:** Oct. 28 - 29, 2021

**Monthly Sessions (Sessions typically run 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)**

Nov. 17, 2021

Dec. 15, 2021

Jan. 19, 2022

Feb. 16, 2022

March 16, 2022

April 20, 2022

May 18, 2022

June 15, 2022

**Report Session** **and** **Graduation:** July 22, 2022

**Class Preference (if applicable):**

1. **Do you have a conflict with either of the two class schedules?**

No [ ]

Yes [ ]

If yes, please provide an explanation:

**Candidate Information:**

\*To ensure that classes reflect the diversity of the community, you are asked to specify your gender, race and/or ethnicity (these questions are optional).

Full Name:

Preferred Name:

Age:

Gender:

Race:

Hometown:

Business Address:

Cell:

Email:

Years in the Triangle (Wake (Raleigh-Cary), Durham, and Orange (Chapel Hill):

**Education: Colleges and Advanced Degrees:**

School Name and Location:

Degree/Major:

Special Awards for Academic Performance:

**Business and Professional Affiliations:**

Name of Group:

Position Held or Assignments:

Affiliation Start Date:

**Experience:**

LinkedIn Profile Link:

Present Employer:

Start Date:

Type of Organization:

Job Title:

**Community Engagement:**List any Community Service and Leadership Activities:

**General Information (please be as specific as possible necessary to complete your application):**

1. Describe yourself in 3 – 5 words.
2. Describe why you would like to participate in the Leadership Raleigh Program.
3. Why should we select you to participate in Leadership Raleigh? What will you specially add to our program?

**Supervisor Approval:**

Candidates are asked to provide supervisor contact information to confirm participant has managerial approval for his/her participation.

Supervisor Name:

Supervisor Phone:

Supervisor Signature: