



**Leadership Muskogee** is a community leadership development program of the Greater Muskogee Area Chamber of Commerce. Leadership Muskogee seeks to inform, motivate and increase the community awareness and involvement of its participants through seminars and interaction with community decision makers. Only twenty participants are chosen each year. Graduates from this nine-month program enter the community with the leadership skills necessary to work effectively toward the growth and development of Muskogee.

**PARTICIPANTS BENEFIT BY:**

- ◆ Strengthened sense of personal vision and power
- ◆ Development of an awareness of issues and challenges facing the community
- ◆ Discovery of leadership strengths, increased leadership skills and a recognition of arena in which a unique contribution can be given
- ◆ A greater ability to articulate a vision of the community and translate that vision into action
- ◆ Rewards of building relationships with a diverse group of community leaders
- ◆ Opportunity to make a commitment on behalf of the community

**COMMUNITY BENEFITS BY:**

- ◆ An increasing source of quality leaders
- ◆ An improved communications network among social, educational, and business leaders
- ◆ Assistance to potential leaders in their development, matching their skills and interests with the needs of the community
- ◆ A leadership base with a broadened perspective, prepared to more effectively guide Muskogee into the future

**OBJECTIVES:**

- ◆ Increase participant's awareness of their own and other's learning and leadership styles
- ◆ Increase participant's knowledge about the elements of leadership including problem solving, decision making and consensus building
- ◆ Produce a cadre of leaders to promote economic revitalization of the region
- ◆ Broaden participants' perspective of the world politically, economically and socially
- ◆ Develop the recognition of the need for continuous learning communities
- ◆ Establish a network of people with shared experiences and a common frame of reference



## Class XVIII

### APPLICATION PROCESS

In order to be considered for selection to the 2011-2012 Leadership Muskogee Class XVIII, applicants must complete all items in this form. Please check it over for any omissions before submitting. All applications are considered confidential and will be used only for the purpose of the selection process.

Due to size restrictions for each year's class and the need for diversity in the class composition, many qualified candidates may not be chosen for membership in Leadership Muskogee Class XVIII. However, individuals not selected are strongly encouraged to reapply.

All applications must be received at the Chamber Office, **no later than 5:00 p.m., September 23, 2011.** You will be notified of the Selection Committee's decision no later than Monday, October 3, 2011. Tuition is due and payable prior to the Orientation Retreat meeting October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> of 2011.

### TUITION

Tuition for the program is ***\$425.00 for Chamber Members, \$550.00 for Non-Chamber Members (includes an Individual Chamber Membership)***. Tuition covers all program costs, materials, meals, and on-site transportation. Participants must furnish and pay for their own transportation when necessary.

Partial financial assistance and extended terms are available on a limited basis. Financial assistance will not exceed \$200.00. Requests for financial assistance will be considered on the basis of demonstrated need. If you wish to apply for financial assistance, please indicate the amount needed, the reason for your request and attach a copy of your family's 2010 tax return(s).

I understand if I apply for financial assistance, I am required to submit personal financial information.

I wish to apply for financial assistance in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

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I will be able to participate in the class without financial assistance:    Yes    No

I request extended terms of payment for my tuition as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Program Commitment

***I want to participate in Leadership Muskogee.*** All our participants are incredibly busy people. We have had physicians, school principals, mothers of newborns, chief executive officers, government employees and many other heavily-scheduled class members. It was important to them and they made time. Before applying, it is critical that you decide now whether you will commit to your fullest to attend each session.

***I am able to participate.*** Attendance at the orientation and retreat is mandatory, and participants must fully attend at least 80% of monthly class seminars in order to successfully complete the program and be inducted into full Leadership Muskogee membership.

**I understand that completion of this application does not ensure my acceptance in the class.**

**I understand that in order to graduate from Leadership Muskogee I am expected to attend all of the nine sessions. If an emergency absence is required, I will be allowed to miss one session and still be given a completion certificate in the program if a make-up session is completed. If more than one session is missed, the program will NOT be considered complete and I will be considered a “participant” and not a “graduate” from Leadership Muskogee.**

**I understand that the Leadership Muskogee Orientation Retreat is mandatory – no exceptions.**

**I have the approval and consent of my employer to participate in Leadership Muskogee Class XVIII.**

**I understand the commitments above and agree to be bound by them in signing this application.**

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Applicant's Signature

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Employer's Signature  
(verifies the Employer's understanding of attendance)  
(20 Points)

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Date

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Date

# BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

NAME:

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*Last*                                      *First*                                      *Middle*                                      *(Preferred)*

HOME ADDRESS:

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*Street*                                      *City*                                      *State*                                      *ZIP*

TELEPHONE:

\_\_\_\_\_

*Home*                                      *Work*                                      *Fax*

Email Address:

\_\_\_\_\_                                      *Shirt Size* \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME *(If Applicable)*: \_\_\_\_\_

# OCCUPATION

EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

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*Street*                                      *City*                                      *State*                                      *Zip*

PRESENT TITLE:

\_\_\_\_\_                                      LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS EMPLOYERS (list last three)

\_\_\_\_\_                                      TITLE \_\_\_\_\_                                      FROM \_\_\_\_\_                                      TO \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_                                      TITLE \_\_\_\_\_                                      FROM \_\_\_\_\_                                      TO \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_                                      TITLE \_\_\_\_\_                                      FROM \_\_\_\_\_                                      TO \_\_\_\_\_

# EDUCATION

*Begin with High School.*

NAME & LOCATION OF SCHOOL	DEGREE	MAJOR
_____	_____	_____
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# PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Please list any vocational/professional organizations in which you have been active.  
*(Do not include civic organizations, public office or political activity.)*

ORGANIZATION	LENGTH OF SERVICE	POSITION HELD / ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES
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# VOLUNTEER OR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please list your civic, religious, political, social or other activities in order of importance to you.  
*(Note location if other than Muskogee.)*

ORGANIZATION	LENGTH OF SERVICE	POSITION HELD / ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES
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# GENERAL

How did you learn about Leadership Muskogee? (10 points)

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Why are you applying for Leadership Muskogee? (10 points)

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What do you hope to experience by participating in Leadership Muskogee? (10 points)

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What do you see as our community's strengths? (10 points)

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What do you see as our community's weaknesses? (10 points)

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What issues in our community are you most interested in? (10 points)

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What issues are you willing to work on to improve? (10 points)

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What do you see as your personal strengths? (10 points)

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