

If You Are Looking For an Opportunity to Have a Greater Impact on Jefferson Parish and the Region, Consider Applying for the Jefferson Chamber's Leadership Jefferson Program.

Mission

To be the catalyst that brings together dedicated leaders, provides information, and builds relationships to improve the quality of life in Jefferson Parish.

Why

One role of the Jefferson Chamber is to assist local leaders in developing a clearer understanding of the total community by providing information on key issues, and supporting leaders who are committed to the continual improvement of the quality of life in Jefferson Parish and the New Orleans Region.

Program Format

Each year a diverse group of 25 – 30 leaders will participate in a thought-provoking, eight month program that consists of monthly sessions as well as opening and closing weekend retreats. Through lectures, discussion groups, and other leadership development activities, participants will become more informed on key community issues such as economic development, education, diversity, health care and parish governance.

Note: Attendance is required at the opening and closing retreats and at a minimum of four of the six monthly sessions.

Benefits

Participation in this program will provide you with:

- An esprit de corps with other community leaders to provide a common ground for working together on present and future community projects.
- An understanding of the needs and opportunities of the community and the dynamics of social and economic change.
- Enhanced leadership skills to utilize in both your personal and professional life.
- Solid business and personal relationships with peers from other sectors of the community that can enhance your professional and volunteer career.



Who Should Apply

Leadership Jefferson seeks applicants who are highly motivated leaders:

- The program is open to anyone who has an interest in the future of Jefferson Parish and the region community.
- Applicants must demonstrate a personal commitment to Jefferson Parish and a desire to continually improve the Parish's future.
- Applicants must have a record of involvement and be proven leaders in the community through volunteer activities, service on boards of directors or task forces, etc.

Program Schedule

Monthly sessions are Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; locations vary with each topic; topic list has been updated following final review of 2008 program.

September 28 & 29, 2007	Opening Retreat at Carter Plantation
October 9, 2007	Session 1
November 13, 2007	Session 2
December 11, 2007	Session 3
January 15, 2008	Session 4
February 12, 2008	Session 5
March 11, 2008	Session 6
April 18 & 19, 2008	Closing Retreat at Carter Plantation
May 28, 2008	Graduation (Reception and Dinner)

Key Dates

August 10, 2007	Application Deadline- \$35 application fee due
August 24, 2007	All applicants will be notified of their status.
August 31, 2007	Tuition Payment Deadline (see fee below)

Tuition

Program tuition is \$795 for Jefferson Chamber members, and \$870 for nonmembers. The tuition covers all expenses incurred during the program, including completion of Emergenetics Profile, all course materials, monthly session breakfast, lunch and snacks, lodging and meals for the opening and closing retreats.

Note: A \$35 application fee is due when you apply. It is non-refundable and cannot be applied to the tuition payment.

Application Forms

Visit www.leadershipjefferson.org or www.jeffersonchamber.org for an application. For further assistance, please contact Karl M. Weber, 2008 Leadership Jefferson Chair, at 504-849-4335, or Danielle Carrigan, Jefferson Chamber Communications Coordinator, at 504-835-3880, extension 10.