



# Leadership Southwest, Inc.

## 2010-2011 Program Year

To the Potential Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in LEADERSHIP SOUTHWEST, Inc. for the **2010-2011** program year. LSW's mission is to promote and enhance education in civic and community affairs, and encourage volunteerism in Southwest Dallas County. Please complete this application as accurately and completely as possible.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

*Class members are chosen by the Leadership Southwest, Inc. Selection Committee, and invited by the full Board of Directors to participate. We are looking for applicants who are both knowledgeable of Southwest Dallas and aspire to become leaders in the Southern Dallas community.*

Candidates:

- Must live or work in Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, Lancaster, or the Oak Cliff area of Southwest Dallas County.
- Must be willing to fulfill the program attendance requirements.
- Must have full support of their employers or sponsoring organization.
- Should have a demonstrated concern for their community.
- Should have a record of achievement and/or desire to achieve in community/civic activities.
- Should possess high standards of excellence, ethics and integrity.
- Will be given special consideration if they are an individual member or their employer company is a member in good standing of one of the five sponsoring chambers of commerce (Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, Lancaster, or Oak Cliff).

### INSTRUCTIONS

Please read carefully. Failure to follow instructions will prevent your application from being considered. **An application fee of \$25.00 is required to be sent with the application.**

- Limit answers to the available space for each question; additional pages will not be considered. Fill out each question as applicable.
- Do not send resumes or brochures; additional correspondence will not be considered.
- Include two (2) completed Recommendation Forms (included with this application) from persons other than employer. The Recommendation Forms can be submitted by business associates, community service or civic involvement colleagues, or LSW alumni.
- Recommendation Forms can be sent separately through regular mail, electronically to [kwilson@leadershipsw.org](mailto:kwilson@leadershipsw.org) or by fax to 972-296-6037.
- Typed applications are preferred. If you print, please insure that the information is legible.

Contact the program administrator, Karen Wilson, if you have any questions, at [kwilson@leadershipsw.org](mailto:kwilson@leadershipsw.org) or by calling 972-296-0560.

Your completed application, \$25 fee and two(2) Recommendation Forms must be received or postmarked by **Thurs., July 15, 2010** to:

Leadership Southwest, Inc.  
4041 W. Wheatland Rd., Ste. 156-340  
Dallas, Tx 75237  
Attention: Selection Committee

Applications will not be accepted after that postmark date.

If accepted as a participant for the Class of 2011, you will be notified by letter. Tuition is due upon your acceptance into the program. **Tuition must be paid prior to the September Orientation Session in order to participate – no exceptions.**

We look forward to receiving your application for participation.

The Board of Directors  
Leadership Southwest, Inc.



## Leadership Southwest Sessions

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### 2010-2011 Requirements

(Please read ALL information carefully.)

#### Sessions Topics

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- Orientation / Team Building
- The Arts
- Communication / Keys to Leadership
- Economic Development
- Education
- Government (will be a trip to Austin – approximate 10-12 hour time commitment)
- Health and Human Services
- Justice System
- Transportation

#### Dates: Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday from September through May

(however, are subject to change for reasons as holidays, availability of session locations and/or speakers.)

Leadership Southwest encourages an exchange of ideas during monthly class sessions. The views and opinions expressed during the class sessions by our guest speakers, class participants, graduates, and board members are their own and do not necessarily reflect the views of Leadership Southwest, Inc.

*To be considered, a person must either live or work in the Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, Lancaster, or Oak Cliff area of Southwest Dallas County.*

The make-up of each LEADERSHIP SOUTHWEST class is carefully considered to ensure membership is broad-based, representing a variety of backgrounds. The number of applications is increasing; therefore, some highly qualified applicants may not be placed the first year they apply. If that becomes the case for you, we ask you not to be discouraged and to apply for the next class.

#### ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Class sessions are a full day – from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Each participant is expected to attend every class session in its entirety.**
- Unusual circumstances may require an excused absence. An unexcused absence could result in dismissal from the program. Please notify the LSW Program Administrator regarding any absence.
- Late arrivals and leaving early from a class session are tracked and are accumulated toward absences. Participants who miss more than two class sessions will be dismissed from the program.
- ATTENDANCE for the ORIENTATION/TEAM BUILDING SESSION is **MANDATORY**. Failure to attend this session is an automatic drop from the class.
- Please check e-mail the day before each class session for an inclement weather notice. If in doubt, contact the Program Administrator or call your Chamber of Commerce after 4:00 p.m. the day prior to the class.
- Each year the Class selects a community service project. It will be determined once the class sessions have begun.

#### FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

- Tuition is **\$695.00** for chamber members; **\$795.00** for non-chamber members and must be paid upon acceptance into the class. Payment is **due in full** and **prior** to the September Orientation session. **No exceptions** – non-payment in full constitutes non-participation. Once classes have begun, there is no refund, full or partial.
- Tuition checks are made payable to Leadership Southwest, Inc. Mail to: 4041 W. Wheatland Road, Suite #156-340, Dallas, Texas 75237.

**DEADLINE:** Completed application along with the \$25 Application Fee and Recommendation Forms must be received or postmarked by Thursday, July 15, 2010.

#### AGREEMENT

I have read, understand and agree to abide by these requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**Leadership Southwest, Inc.**  
 A Program Sponsored by the  
 Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, Lancaster and Oak Cliff  
 Chambers of Commerce  
**2010-2011 Program Year**

*We wholeheartedly encourage you to consider applying to be a part of the Leadership Southwest experience.*

Please include **a \$25 fee** with your application along with **2 completed Recommendation Forms**.  
 Mail to: Leadership Southwest; 4041 W. Wheatland Rd., Suite 156-340; Dallas, Tx 75237.  
**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION – Thursday, July 15, 2010**

\_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female  Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 First Name Last Prefer to be Called Month / Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address City Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail (the LSW preferred method of contact)

\_\_\_\_\_ City Zip  
 (if applicable) Company Name Mailing Address

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_ Describe your primary responsibility \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an individual member of one or more of the sponsoring Chambers? Yes  No  Is your company a member of one or more of the sponsoring Chambers? Yes  No  Please indicate which Chamber(s): Cedar Hill  DeSoto  Duncanville  Lancaster  Oak Cliff

**COMMUNITY/CIVIC INVOLVEMENT** Please list areas in which you are involved or would like to be:

Organization	Approximate Dates	Offices/Positions Held

Special Honors / Awards (business, professional, educational, civic, other) \_\_\_\_\_

What do you consider as your most significant contribution to the community (communities)? \_\_\_\_\_

Where would you like to focus your future community, civic or volunteer involvement? \_\_\_\_\_

In what way would you like Leadership Southwest to assist you in attaining your personal, professional or community agenda? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a graduate of another Leadership program?  Yes (community \_\_\_\_\_) Year (\_\_\_\_\_)

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Name of School

Degrees/Certificates

Major/area of specialty

## PROFESSIONAL/BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT

Please list professional/business organizations:

Organization

Approximate Date

Offices/Positions Held

What do you consider your greatest personal or career achievement? \_\_\_\_\_

### SPECIAL NEEDS

Do you have any special needs? Please explain \_\_\_\_\_

### Who is paying your tuition cost? (Check one)

APPLICANT

EMPLOYER\*

ORGANIZATION / SPONSOR

Name

Mailing Address

City/Zip

**AGREEMENT** (Please read the following and check the boxes if you understand and agree with the statements):

- The information I have provided in my application is true.
- It is my understanding that LEADERSHIP SOUTHWEST is a learning and personal leadership development experience. I understand it is ***imperative*** that I attend each monthly class session. If I miss two sessions, I understand I am subject to possible dismissal from the program.
- If I am accepted into the Class of 2011, I understand that payment is due upon acceptance and must be received prior to the September Orientation session in order to participate and that once the sessions begin, the tuition cost is non-refundable.
- Yes     No    My employer is aware of the time commitment away from the office one day a month and supports my participation.\*
- I do not anticipate any date conflicts with of the nine monthly sessions (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month between September & May).
- I know I have a conflict with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month of: \_\_\_\_\_.

**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION AT YOUR EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. EARLY APPLICATIONS RECEIVE FIRST CONSIDERATION. APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED BY JULY 15, 2010. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT POSTMARK DATE.**

Applicant's Signature

Date of Application

\*Employer's Signature (required if you checked yes to the above statement)

Date



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# LEADERSHIP SOUTHWEST, INC.

A program of the Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, Lancaster, and Oak Cliff Chambers of Commerce

## Recommendation Form 2010-2011

(Confidential)

To be completed by recommendation writer(s), and can be submitted one of three ways: (1) electronically at [www.leadershipsouthwest.org](http://www.leadershipsouthwest.org); (2) faxed to 972-296-6037; or (3) sealed and mailed directly to: Leadership Southwest; 4041 W. Wheatland Rd., #156-340; Dallas, 75237. Recommendation Forms must be received (or postmarked) by **Thursday, July 15, 2010**.

By signing this form, the applicant waives his/her right to view this reference information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

The applicant named below is applying to participate in Leadership Southwest and is required to submit a recommendation from persons other than their employer. This form will contribute to the applicant's overall profile and serve as an additional component in the application process.

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Acquaintance \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Relationship (check appropriate response/s)

Close Personal Relationship

Numerous Business Contacts

Numerous Social Contacts

Principally by Reputation

Occasional Business Contact

Occasional Social Contacts

Give details of your knowledge of the applicant's participation in civic and community activities.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Why do you believe this applicant would make an outstanding LEADERSHIP SOUTHWEST participant?

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Other pertinent information: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of person making recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Company/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

*On behalf of the Selection Committee of the LSW Board of Directors, thank you for your recommendation. See above for instructions on submitting this Recommendation Form.*