



**LEADERSHIP SUMTER
2010-2011 Application
Class XXIII
DUE DATE: July 16, 2010**



All applications must be typed. Do not attach a resume. Be sure to answer all questions. Your application will be disqualified if these directions are not followed.

Full Name:	Name (on name tags):
Title:	Email:
Employer:	Work Phone: Fax:
Business Address:	Name to be printed on plaque:
Home Address:	Home Phone:
Resident of Sumter County: YES NO (Circle One)	Employed Full-Time in Sumter County? YES NO
How long have you lived or worked in Sumter?	Are you Self-Employed? YES NO
Are you the local CEO of your organization? YES NO	Name of Nominator:
If not, attach a signed CEO endorsement form.	Highest level of Education:

Participants may not miss more than one class to graduate. Attendance at the Retreat September 19-21, 2010 at Lake Wateree is mandatory to participate in Class XXIII.

You must be a resident of Sumter County or a resident of a county in South Carolina contiguous to Sumter and/or employed full-time in Sumter County. If employed, the candidate must have the endorsement of the local CEO (unless you are the owner) of his/her organization. The candidate must submit a letter of recommendation.

You and your employer's signatures below indicate that you both understand the following: (1) you (the applicant) can make the commitment and have the support of your employer and (2) all applicants cannot be chosen to participate. Please indicate your and your employer's understanding of the attendance policy and selection process listed above by signing below: (both **MUST** sign).

Tuition in the Leadership Sumter program is \$800 for Chamber members and \$1,000 for non-Chamber members. Full payment must be made by September 15, 2010.

I understand the purpose of the Leadership Sumter program and, if selected, I will allocate the time required.

Applicant's Signature

Date: _____

Employer's Signature

Date: _____

Community Activities (List activities in order of importance and indicate if you had a leadership role.)

Organization Position, Committee, or Activity	City and State	Year
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List all educational accomplishments, honors, and/or special recognitions:

Describe your involvement in the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce Activities:

Which community activities are required for your employment?

I wish to participate in Leadership Sumter because:

I believe I will make the following contributions to the Sumter area over the next five years:

Three priorities that I would like to see addressed by the leaders in the Sumter area are:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Have you pled guilty or been convicted of a criminal offense? YES _____ NO _____

Note: Omit minor vehicle violations and any offense committed before your 17th birthday, which was finally adjudicated in juvenile court or under a youthful offender law. Conviction of a criminal offense is not a bar to participation in all cases. Each conviction is evaluated individually.

If yes, please list charge(s) _____

Where Convicted, Date, and Disposition/Status:

List any additional information that you would like the selection committee to have in considering your application:

How did you learn about Leadership Sumter?

Leadership Sumter Scholarship Application (Optional)

A limited amount of partial scholarships are awarded up to 50% of the tuition for Leadership Sumter. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please complete this form and submit it along with your application.

Name: _____

Employer: _____

Why are you applying for this scholarship?

In your own words define leadership and explain why it is important for leaders to be involved in the community. (Attach additional page(s) if necessary.)

Would you be able to participate in Leadership Sumter if you did not receive a scholarship? Circle One

Yes

No

If you receive a scholarship and are successful in completing the program, would you serve on a committee to raise funds for future scholarships?

Yes

No

**LEADERSHIP SUMTER XXIII
Local CEO Endorsement Form**

Leadership Sumter is a program for the community, sponsored by the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce. Since Leadership Sumter is a community program, admission to Leadership Sumter will be based on the criteria stated on the first page of the Leadership Sumter application. Competition to participate in Leadership Sumter will be very keen.

LOCAL CEO ENDORSEMENT FOR LEADERSHIP SUMTER APPLICATION

1. Applicant's Full Name & Job Title: _____
2. Applicant's Employer: _____
3. Beginning Date of Employment: _____
4. Does the applicant currently hold a top management position or have the potential to advance to a leadership position? Yes No

Please provide a brief description of job duties: _____

6. Is the applicant likely to remain in Sumter for the foreseeable future? Yes No

Explain: _____

7. Leadership Sumter begins with an orientation in September and ends in May. The program consists of a three-day retreat in September and one all-day session each month, September through May. Attendance is mandatory for the September Retreat and at least eight of the remaining nine sessions. Will you ensure that the applicant has the necessary time to participate?
 Yes No

8. Will your company pay the \$800 (\$1,000 for non-Chamber members) tuition for your applicant?

Yes No

9. State why the applicant should be favorably considered.

Signature, Local CEO

Date

Checklist:

- _____ Completed Application
- _____ Letter of Nomination
- _____ CEO Endorsement, if applicable
- _____ Scholarship Application (Optional)

*NOTE: Race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, and handicap status are not part of the basic criteria and will not be considered in determining whether the applicant meets the basic criteria.

**LEADERSHIP SUMTER XXIII
TENTATIVE CALENDAR FOR 2010-2011**

Attendance is required for the September Retreat (September 19-21, 2010) as well as for eight of the nine remaining programs. Programs generally fall on the second Wednesday of the month.**(Some class dates may need to be changed due to topic scheduling. You will be notified of any changes prior to the class date. Please ensure we have your correct email address on file and/or an alternate email address in the event your organization doesn't permit bulk emails. Please add susie@sumterchamber.com to your address book as most Leadership Sumter information will come from this address)*

You will receive a reminder email with an attached agenda approximately one week before your class date. Please pay special attention to the meeting place as this may change each month depending on the scheduled topic for the day. Bus transportation is provided for the class sessions.

TENTATIVE CLASS DATES

Week of September 13	Orientation and Reception (Subject to Change)
September 19-21	Retreat (Attendance Mandatory)
Sept. Class TBD	Topic: History, Government & Politics
October 13, 2010	Topic: Health Care
November 10, 2010	Topic: Legal System/Law Enforcement
December 8, 2010	Topic: Quality of Life
January 12, 2011	Topic: Industry, Business & Economics
February 9, 2011	Topic: Legislative Day
March 9, 2011	Topic: Education
April 13, 2011	Topic: Environmental Day
May 11, 2011	Topic: ShawAFB/AdvancedTeamBuilding/Group Projects
June 6, 2011	Graduation (Tentative)