



Lewis County Chamber of Commerce

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Lowville, NY 13367
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Lewis County Leadership Academy 2017 – 2018 Application

The Program

A preparatory course for individuals interested in becoming community leaders. Whether it be in the business, not-for-profit, municipal or volunteerism realm, this program focuses on providing the tools and insight needed to confidently get a foot in the door.

The class meets for a full day each month from September through June, culminating in a graduation and commitment ceremony where participants will share their vision for their future involvement in the community.

Benefits of the Lewis County Leadership Academy

For the Employer

- Develops increased leadership and problem solving skills that can be used for greater organizational effectiveness.
- Develops a county network that can help with business solutions. During the course, strategic alliances will be formed.
- Provides greater understanding of the county that can be applied at place of employment.

For the Individual

- Provides experience in team building, group dynamics, collaboration, public speaking and critical thinking.
- Participants will become aware of the county's continuing needs, challenges and resources.
- Builds relationships with diverse colleagues for individual, business and community problem solving.
- Participants will explore and strengthen personal leadership competencies.
- Builds confidence and motivation to become involved in promoting positive change for Lewis County.

Selection Criteria

The selection process searches for individuals who show commitment and motivation to serve Lewis County. Participants need to show interest in community involvement and in leadership roles. They should have the ability to set and achieve personal goals. Participants are selected from written applications.

The Participants

There will be a minimum of 12 and maximum of 25 participants in the Lewis County Leadership Academy. They will include business owners, public servants, non-profits, social service agency professionals and the community-at-large





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The Commitment

- There is a time commitment of ten full-day sessions. Participants are expected to attend all sessions, with a maximum absence of 2 sessions allowed. Attendance for the first session is required.
- The class, as a group, will be required to organize and host a Business After Hours.
- Various sessions will require attendance at standing community activities. Examples are Business Leaders Breakfast and municipal or not-for-profit board meetings.
- Each participant will be required to find an organization, cause or community venture to become involved with by the end of the program. This should be outside of activities in which they already participate. This commitment and the participants vision surrounding it will be shared at graduation in June. Examples of Alumni projects will be shared and mentoring will be available as needed.

Participants who complete all commitments will be permitted to graduate. There is no refund of tuition once the program has begun.

I understand the commitment of the Lewis County Leadership Academy. If selected, I am willing to attend all required sessions sponsored by the Lewis County Leadership Academy and devote the time necessary to program. I understand that if I fail to meet these obligations I will not be allowed to graduate.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Tuition

Full tuition is \$400.00, which is non-refundable. Tuition must be paid in full upon acceptance in the program. Businesses who provide payment for employee as a participant **AND** are Chamber members will receive 50% reimbursement for participants completing the program.

Scholarships are available. Please contact the Chamber for more information.

Payment will be made by: _____Employer/Sponsor _____Participant

Employer Commitment

This applicant has the approval of this organization and the applicant has our full support, if accepted, to devote the time required to participate in the leadership program.

I agree to pay the \$400.00 tuition for the Lewis County Leadership Academy for the above participant; if accepted, I understand that the tuition is non-refundable. I also understand that upon successful completion of the program I will receive 50% reimbursement for each participant.

Employer Signature _____ Date _____

Employer Name (Print) _____ Phone # _____





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Personal Data

Name: _____

Address including City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail _____

How long have you lived in Lewis County or at your current address: _____

Employment

Current Employer: _____

Address including City, State, Zip: _____

Position: _____

Business Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Education

Briefly describe your educational background. Be sure to include relevant career/continuing education training, extracurricular participation, honors and significant achievements.

General Information

How did you hear about the Lewis County Leadership Academy? _____

List a significant issue facing Lewis County today that you are interested in and explain why.

What do you hope to gain from your participation in the Lewis County Leadership Academy?





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Which session do you feel you will bring the most insight to? Which do you anticipate getting the most out of?

Community Activity

Please list in order of importance to you, civic, professional, religious, community, athletic, social, or other organizations of which you are or have been a member. Please note any leadership roles held.

What kinds of community leadership would you like to undertake in the future?

References

Please list two personal and/or professional references who the Lewis County Leadership Academy may contact.

Name	Daytime Phone
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Deadline for applications is 5:00p.m. Monday August 7, 2017. Each applicant will be notified as to the status of his or her application by August 14th, 2017.

**Send your completed application to:
The Lewis County Leadership Academy
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Fax 376-0326**

