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MISSION

Leadership Venice is designed to expose current and future leaders to all aspects of the Venice community. The program's purpose is:

- To gather community leaders of diverse backgrounds
- To develop their knowledge and desire to accept civic responsibilities and leadership roles
- To expose participants to the challenges and opportunities that face the Venice community
- To open dialogue among emerging and current community leaders

SELECTION CRITERIA

Individuals selected will:

- Have demonstrated commitment through past and current community activities *or* exhibit a desire to commit to community involvement
- Represent a cross section of the community of all ages and geographic representation. Diversity is an important component of the program's purpose

GRADUATION & ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT

Understanding the importance of the attendance policy is key. Attendance is **mandatory** for the Class Orientation, and the Opening Retreat. Equally important is the expectation that all class members will strive for perfect attendance. It should be understood that more than 2 absences will cause that class member to be eliminated from graduating from the program. Each class member understands there is a commitment to participate in a class project to be selected by the class.

TUITION

Tuition of $1095 (Chamber members) or $1395 (Non-Chamber members) is all inclusive of session materials, field trips, refreshments, meals, occasional transportation and the graduation celebration. Funds may be available on a limited basis for qualified tuition assistance. Once payment has been received as tuition for the class, there will be no refunds made under any circumstances. Any expenses incurred by the class project are NOT included in the tuition.

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CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION 2027

NAME_____ _____

Last First Middle Preferred Name

PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS_____

Street City State Zip

HOME OR CELL PHONE_____BUSINESS PHONE_____

PREFERRED EMAIL_____

COMPANY / SPONSORING ORGANIZATION_____

BUSINESS ADDRESS_____

Street City State Zip

POSITION_____

BIRTHPLACE_____

1. EDUCATION

A. Name of School Degree Attained

(Begin with high school, then college(s) or trade school and / or specialized training)

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

2. EMPLOYMENT

List previous employment the past 5 years in reverse chronological order:

_____

_____

_____

3. ACTIVITIES

Have you ever participated in another leadership program? _____

Have you ever participated in a SIMSOC exercise? _____

CURRENT MAJOR VOLUNTEER ROLE

Organization_____

Position_____ Hours per month_____

Describe your responsibilities:

Please list your **current** business/professional affiliations:

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Please list your **current** community and/or social affiliations:

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If you have not previously had the time or interest to become actively involved in civic and community affairs, what conditions have changed to allow you to become involved? On which community boards, committees, or groups would you like to become active?

4. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Why do you want to participate in Leadership Venice and what do you hope to gain from your participation?

B. Identify what you believe to be the most pressing problem or issue facing the Venice area today. Explain why, and make recommendations for addressing and resolving this problem or issue. (Use a separate piece of paper if needed.)

5. TUITION

The tuition for Leadership Venice is $1095 (Chamber member) or $1395 (Non—Chamber Member) per participant. Applications MUST be submitted by **January 7th, 2027**, to be considered for the Leadership Venice Class of 2027. Payment is due upon acceptance into the program - **do not include payment with application.** Personal interviews will be conducted with all applicants during the month of January. Applicants will be notified of selection status no later than February 5th, 2027.

6. COMMITMENT

Applicants must have the support of their sponsoring business or organization. The sponsor or employer must sign this form to indicate their support of the applicant's participation in the program. Before submitting the application, please review the class schedule as attendance on all the days is crucial.

Orientation: Wednesday, March 3rd, 5:30 PM

Opening Retreat: Friday, March 12th, **7:30 AM – 8 PM**

Venice History Day: Friday, April 9th

Economic Development Day: Friday, May 14th

Government Day: Friday, June 11th

Community Awareness: Friday, July 9th

Arts & Culture Day: Friday, August 13th

Health and Human Services Day: Friday, September 10th

Closing Retreat & Graduation: Friday, October 8th

I, _____, understand the commitment to the program, the class project and the attendance expectations.

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Applicant's Signature Date

I have been referred to the Leadership Venice program by: _____

Employer:

I understand the applicant is expected to attend 100% of the Venice Leadership program activities.

Participants who miss more than two Leadership Venice days will not graduate from the program and will not receive a tuition refund.

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Employer's Signature Date

SUBMIT APPLICATION BY JANUARY 7TH TO: Leadership Venice, Venice Area Chamber of Commerce, 597 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice FL 34285.