

APPLICATION REQUEST

Completed applications must be received at the Chamber no later than December 31, 2010

Leadership: High Point tuition is \$850 for High Point Chamber of Commerce members and \$1,700 for non-chamber members.

Please forward an application by email ____ or mail ____
Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

I understand the purpose and mission of Leadership: High Point. I also understand that participation in the program requires a major time commitment throughout the year.

Full tuition payment is due no later than January 31, 2011. If accepted for the program, I understand and agree to insure payment in full by 1/31/2011.

Signature: _____

MISSION

Leadership: High Point (LHP)...

is a community leadership development program of the High Point Chamber of Commerce that is designed to identify and prepare citizens to expand their leadership roles and increase their knowledge of the High Point community.

LHP provides a mechanism for training and developing a pool of knowledgeable leaders, by providing them with insight as to how High Point functions as a community—politically, socially, economically, and culturally.

The foundation of LHP is to motivate, educate and prepare participants for leadership service to our community.

“We have had one of our hospital staff participate in the leadership program each year since it began in the 1980’s. It is a great way to introduce our people to the community, and we have yet to have a participant give the program anything but great rating. Most have gotten involved in the community after they finish.”

Jeff Miller, President, High Point Regional Health System (Class of 1989)

“Leadership: High Point was one of the best personal and professional decisions I have made in my career. As a 2009 Leadership graduate, I have lived in High Point most of my life and thought I knew High Point and what it had to offer. The program opened my eyes and showed me that High Point has so much more to offer.

Leadership gave me the tools to know my city, make lasting contacts and friendships, experience activities I would have never experienced, volunteer, to have fun, and provide information to those who might have the need for a service our city offers. I wish everyone could have the Leadership experience!”

Rob Boles, Branch Manger, Eastchester, High Point Bank (Class of 2009)

“As a graduate of the Leadership: High Point class of 2007, I continue to be amazed at the continued strength of the network of acquaintances I made as a result of being in the class. Not only did I learn a lot about our High Point Community and all of the resources that are here for our citizens, I made connections to a wonderful network of professionals that crosses all industries and vocations. Many of these professionals have become very close personal friends. I highly value the opportunity to see behind the scenes of many businesses, city government, private enterprises, and not-for-profit organizations that I would never have been exposed to without the Leadership: High Point experience. It is a time that I will forever treasure. I recommend this program to anyone with a community spirit who possesses the desire to learn more about the community in which we live and work. ”

Janette McNeill, Dean - Guilford Technical Community College—High Point Campus (Class of 2007)



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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Sponsored by:

**High Point Chamber of Commerce
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PURPOSE

Leadership: High Point (**LHP**) is a program sponsored by the High Point Chamber of Commerce to develop effective leaders for the community. The program is designed to open the minds of each participant to perspectives that surround issues facing the High Point community and, through thoughtful consideration of those perspectives, enable participants to become more visionary leaders in the community. Community leadership, skill development and a sense of trusteeship are integrated throughout the program.

During **Leadership: High Point**, participants:

- ...learn to be willing to accept ownership of community issues
- ...develop an awareness of issues and challenges facing High Point
- ...discover leadership strengths, increase leadership skills and find areas in which unique contribution can be given
- ...network with a diverse group of community and corporate leaders
- ...make a commitment on behalf of the High Point community

High Point has a continuing need for effective leaders who will work to improve the quality of life in the community. Such an important matter as community leadership should not be left to chance. The Chamber feels that potential leaders should be sought out and given the opportunity to learn more about the area. Leadership: High Point provides that opportunity.

Leadership: High Point graduates are motivated to apply this newly gained knowledge by volunteering and serving on elected/appointed boards, commissions, city councils, and various community committees. Graduates continue to benefit from their Leadership: High Point experience by networking with other graduates through participation in programs of the Leadership: High Point Alumni Association and various class projects.

STRUCTURE

Participant's will attend a two-day Retreat facilitated by a professional trainer in leadership development skills. Nine program sessions and tours will be scheduled for the second Wednesday each month over the 10 month program. Each session will be led by experienced community leaders and be held in a variety of community settings. Participants will receive in-depth exposure to critical issues affecting life in High Point, as well as, hands-on training in leadership development skills. Class members meet community leaders and problem solvers who address not only facts, but perspectives, issues and potentials. Sessions are participatory in nature and allow members the opportunity to become personally involved in a variety of ways.

Discussion leaders and participants will be encouraged to speak freely from their experiences in political, social, cultural, educational, and economic facets of the community.

A commitment from February through November is required. To complete the program successfully, each class member is expected to participate in the Retreat, all monthly program sessions, and at least five extra-curricular community events from a list provided. *Participants must make a serious commitment. The employer must fully agree, in advance, by signature, to grant participants release to attend each day long session during the ten month program.*

FEES AND APPLICATION

Tuition is \$850 for High Point Chamber members; \$1,700 non-Chamber members. Tuition covers the cost of all class materials, two day retreat, continental style breakfasts, lunches, a class directory, and graduation plaque.

Sponsorship can be an important contribution to an employee's development and a company's growth and will assure knowledgeable leaders for High Point's future. Companies civic clubs, non-profit agencies, and foundations are urged to sponsor members of their management team or individuals who have demonstrated potential leadership abilities.

The LHP Alumni Association offers opportunities for a *scholarship assistance to qualified applicants. In addition, (1) full scholarship is awarded to a small business or non-profit each year from the Class of '99 Jim Armstrong Fund.

**Candidates wishing to qualify for any scholarship consideration must provide a written request with application.*

Applications may be obtained by mailing the request form or, by contacting the High Point Chamber of Commerce at (336) 882-5000.

The Chamber must receive completed applications, with signatures of supervisory approval, no later than December 31, 2010 in order for applicants to be considered for the 2011 Leadership: High Point Program.

High Point Chamber members will have priority consideration for acceptance in the LHP program.

If space is available, non-Chamber members will be considered for acceptance. (maximum = 40 participants)

2011 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Participants should prepare to arrive no later than 7:45am (breakfast) Class begins promptly at 8:00am **only exceptions include Orientation, Retreat and Graduation.* Participants are expected to be on time. Classes conclude at approximately 5:00 pm (completion may vary dependent upon the day).

2011 Program Schedule

February 24—Orientation

February 26 & 26—Retreat

March 9—Uniqueness Day

April 13—Education Day

May 11 -Tours/Historical Perspectives Day

June 8 — Local Government Day

July 13 — Regionalism/Economy Day

August 11— Quality of Life Day

September 14 — Health/Social Services Day

October 12— Media Day

November 9 — Volunteer Opportunities Day

NOVEMBER 17 — GRADUATION

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