



## CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION 2012 Leadership Class XXI

### → The Application Process

Applying to Leadership SLO is a rigorous 2-step process that requires time, deliberation, and, if you are employed, your employer's agreement.

#### 1. The Application

- i. A completed Confidential Application
- ii. A brief and thoughtful response to a few general questions
- iii. Two (2) letters of recommendation
- iv. A completed Application Agreement that includes your employer's signature
- v. A completed Tuition Agreement
- vi. A completed Tuition Worksheet

#### 2. The Interview

Following acceptance of your complete application package, you will be notified of a time for your group interview with six fellow applicants in front of a panel of six interviewers.

## PART I

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employer (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Which address should we use for Leadership SLO correspondence? (Check one)

Home \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_

### ➔ Education

Describe the highlights of your educational experience:

Describe any additional educational pursuits that you believe support your qualifications:

## ➔ Organizations, Activities, & Community Involvement

Please list, in order of importance to you, your experience in community service. Please describe the nature of your participation, responsibilities and accomplishments. Include professional, business, community, religious, social and athletic organizations.

Organization, Dates of Membership, Position Held, Description

1.

2.

3.

(Feel free to submit an additional page if there are more organizations you would like to include.)

## ➔ Employment

Type of employment \_\_\_\_\_

Your title \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your current employment focus

## ➔ Previous Employment

Employer, Title, Length of Service

1.

2.

3.

## PART II

### → General Questions

1. Thinking about your education experience, your community service and your career:

What do you consider to be your greatest contribution, skill or achievement?

What are your leadership goals?

How long do you expect to live in the area?

Where did you hear about Leadership SLO?

2. Thinking about your personal passions and concerns: What are the two most pressing problems facing our community today? Explain why and give any recommendations you have for approaching and resolving these problems. (limit 250 words)

3. Why do you wish to participate in Leadership SLO? What do you see as YOUR role in fostering the health and diversity of the community that we live in? (limit 250 words)

## PART III

### → Letters of Recommendation

Please submit two letters of recommendation. One letter can come from someone within your business or organization but one must come from outside your organization. We encourage you to ask co-workers, managers, Leadership SLO alumni and other community members to write them for you. No form letters will be accepted.

## PART IV

### → Application Agreement

#### Acceptance to Program

I understand that space for participation in Leadership San Luis Obispo is limited, and submission of this application does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

If accepted, I agree to submit a completed Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability Form. Forms will be distributed at the retreat.

#### Attendance

I have reviewed the dates of the Leadership SLO retreat and day sessions and, if accepted into the program, agree to devote the time and resources necessary to attend all sessions; arriving on time each day and being in attendance the full day. Further, I will complete outside homework assignments as assigned.

I have authorization from the management of my company/organization for full participation.

I will be an active participant in the design and execution of the Class XXI Legacy Project.

I understand and acknowledge that if it becomes unavoidable to miss all or part of Leadership session:

- I will notify the Director immediately regarding my absence.
- I will be required to submit a letter regarding my absence to the Leadership SLO Board of Directors
- I may be required to complete a make-up assignment to present to my classmates as assigned by the Director.
- I understand that more than one absence can result in a discharge from the program, the status is determined by the Leadership SLO Board on a case-by-case basis.

## PART V

### → Tuition Agreement

Your Leadership San Luis Obispo tuition includes:

- 2 nights accommodations at Wonder Valley Resort
- 5 meals at Wonder Valley Resort
- A private coach on Tour Day
- Coffee, tea, pastries and fruit at 9 Day Sessions
- Lunch at 9 Day Sessions
- Access and exposure to city and county leaders in industry, government and non profits
- The right to claim kinship and affinity with the nearly 700 Leadership SLO graduates working to make San Luis Obispo County a better place to live for ourselves and for our children.

If accepted into Leadership SLO, I will remit tuition payment by December 1, 2011.

I understand that payment plans and scholarship assistance are available to me.

If I withdraw from the program, either voluntarily or involuntarily, I acknowledge and agree to pay any balance on tuition as well as pay back any scholarship funds awarded to me.

I understand that tuition for Leadership San Luis Obispo is non-refundable.

I affirm that the previous commitment statements and the information submitted with this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I agree to all of the terms of my application and potential participation in Leadership SLO.

Signature and Date

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Printed Name

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Employer's Signature and Date

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Employer's Title

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*Employer's signature verifies that the employer understands the attendance and tuition requirements.*

## PART VI

### ➔ Tuition Worksheet Completed by all applicants

Tuition for Leadership San Luis Obispo 2012, Class XXI: \$1250

Amount paid by employer	\$ _____
Amount paid by other entity	\$ _____
Personal investment	\$ _____
<i>Request for Scholarship Assistance</i>	\$ _____
Total	\$ 1250.00

## → Scholarship Assistance

Scholarship requests cannot exceed half of the tuition (\$625). The actual scholarship amount granted will be based on:

- Individual need
- The total of scholarships requested
- Budgetary limitations

### Some Notes on Scholarship Assistance:

1. In the program's history, everyone who has successfully applied to the program has completed the program; irrespective of their financial circumstances—don't let lack of money stop you from applying!
2. A request for scholarship assistance is not considered by the selection committee. The request will be reviewed after the class participants have been selected.
3. Applicants requesting scholarship assistance are expected to demonstrate their commitment to the program by paying a portion of the tuition themselves, and to seek sponsorships from individuals, their employers or affiliate organizations in which they are active (such as Rotary, Quota, Kiwanis, religious and professional groups). Past participants have successfully supplemented their tuition payment by raising funds in this way. Your efforts will enable our funding to be expanded to more people.

## → Making Payments

Tuition is due on December 1st. If full tuition is not paid, options are:

1. Half the tuition (\$625) is paid and the balance is charged to your debit or credit card in five equal installments of \$125 beginning in January 2012.

*OR*

2. A scholarship is awarded and the difference to make \$625 is paid by December 1st (for instance, if a \$400 scholarship is awarded then \$225 would be due by December 1st). The balance is charged to your debit or credit card in five equal installments of \$125 beginning in January 2012.

## DATES TO REMEMBER & TIMELINE FOR 2012, CLASS XXI

- Monthly day sessions are on the second Friday of the month, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., February through October. If you are selected for Leadership SLO you will be expected to attend all of the scheduled sessions.
- Be aware that some sessions require homework, which involves a time commitment of 2–4 hours.
- Every class participates in a Legacy project. The Legacy project is usually completed after graduation, but you should be aware of the continued commitment.

With this in mind, check your calendar before you even begin the application to be sure these dates will work for you. If you foresee any schedule conflicts, you should apply for a future class.

### ➔ Applying for Leadership SLO Class XXI

October 3                      Deadline for Applications

Mid-October                      Group Interviews

Mid-October                      Notification for Class XXI

December 1                      Tuition Due

### Retreat 2012

January 5, 2012                      3 P.M. arrival at Wonder Valley

January 6                      Retreat continues

January 7                      Noon departure from Wonder Valley

### Day Sessions

- February 10
- March 9
- April 13
- May 11
- June 8
- July 13
- August 10
- September 14
- October 12

### ➔ Questions?

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