



Thank you for applying for the 2023-2024  
Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program.

**St. Cloud Area Leadership  
APPLICATION 2023-2024**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Please complete each section in full.
- Please do not attach resumes or other support materials.
- The application must be signed by the candidate and employer, if applicable, and be received no later than May 31, 2023.
- All applicants will be notified of their status by August 1, 2023.

**LEADERSHIP PROGRAM APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE**

- A sincere commitment, motivation and interest to serve in the community.
- Ability to make the time and personal commitment necessary to derive full benefit from the program.
- Achievements in community leadership roles and activities or ...
- An opportunity for advancement to leadership positions within a place of employment and/or volunteer organization.
- In addition to the stated criteria every effort is made to include representatives from business, government, education, not-for-profit organizations, citizens at large, and those bringing diversity to the St. Cloud Area Leadership program in areas including, but not limited to, professional, geographic, age, gender, and ethnic background.

**COMMITMENT**

To graduate from the St. Cloud Area Leadership program, a participant is expected to attend all sessions. **Attendance at the retreat and May class sessions are mandatory.** The retreat takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday and Friday of October and consists of two full-day sessions with one overnight stay. Day sessions include one full day per month and run from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month from September through May with an evening graduation ceremony following the May class session.

**Dates for 2023-2024 Leadership Program**

September 14, 2023	December 14, 2023	March 14, 2024
October 12 & 13, 2023- Retreat	January 11, 2024	April 11, 2024
November 9, 2023	February 8, 2024	May 9, 2024 - Graduation

## I. Personal Data

Name \_\_\_\_\_

*Last*

*First*

*MI*

Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Years in St. Cloud area \_\_\_\_\_

*Number*

*Street*

*City*

*State*

*Zip*

*Home Phone*

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*City*

*State*

*Zip*

Home  Work

*\*Please provide email as notices are sent out through email*

## II. Employment

Present Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Hire: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

### List other recent employment.

Employer	Title/Responsibility	From	To
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What do you consider to be your highest responsibility, skill or career achievement so far?

Special awards, honors, extracurricular activities or service activities

## III. Education

List the last completed education level.

## IV. Community Involvement

List, in order of importance to you, up to three community, civic, professional, business, religious, social, athletic or other organizations of which you are or have been a member.

Organization	Date of Membership	Responsibility
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What type of volunteer activities would you like to become active with in the future?

## V. General Information

What do you think is a significant challenge facing the St. Cloud area today?

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What are your ideas for addressing this challenge?

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What do you think is the area's most notable opportunity?

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What strengths would you bring to the Leadership Program?

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What specific skills/knowledge do you hope to gain from participating in the St. Cloud Area Leadership Program?

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## VI. Recommendations

Please list 2 people who are knowledgeable about your leadership performance and potential.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

## VII. Tuition

Tuition for Chamber members is \$700, non-Chamber members is \$950. Tuition is non-refundable and due to the Chamber office by August 31, 2023.

If selected, who will be responsible for your tuition?

\_\_\_\_\_ Employer/Sponsor      \_\_\_\_\_ You

**Candidate: Attendance at all sessions is top priority. Retreat and May class session attendance is mandatory.**

*I understand the purpose of the St. Cloud Area Leadership Program and if I am selected, I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the program. I understand the above commitments and agree to be bound by them in signing this application.*

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer** – *This application has the approval of this organization and the candidate has our full support, which includes the time required to participate in this program.*

**Employers**

**Name (Print)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
(first & last name, NOT company name)

**St. Cloud Area Leadership is a program of the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce**

Please return by May 31, 2023 to:

St. Cloud Area Leadership

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