



APPLICATION FORM - CLASS of 2012-2013

ABOUT THE PIONEER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The ideal participant is a person who:

- Demonstrates self-awareness and is viewed as creative, responsible, and effective in his or her endeavors;
- Is personally committed to going beyond conventional thinking and is searching for new opportunities for fundamental change and growth;
- Shows evidence of or potential for becoming a community leader,
- Has a desire for self-transformation;
- Is committed to attending the full Leadership Edmonton program (retreats, learning days, planning sessions).

Leadership Edmonton seeks to create a learning environment that reflects the diverse people and viewpoints that make up Edmonton. We welcome applications and inquiries from anyone who demonstrates leadership qualities and is dedicated to creating a new network of informed and committed community leaders. The selection committee chooses the class with a conscious effort to ensure that the group reflects a balance among the business, government and not-for-profit sectors.

The Leadership Edmonton program includes an opening retreat in September, Learning Days October through May, and a closing retreat in May. Each learning day will require some preparation from participants. For example, participants will read 3-6 books during the program. Please be aware that preparation and full attendance throughout the program is essential. Even if your employer is not financially sponsoring your participation, it is important that you secure this time commitment to ensure that this course is a priority.

Throughout the year Leadership Edmonton will provide you with opportunities such as workshops and discussions, to enhance your understanding of our community, its strengths and challenges, and opportunities for leadership. Although these additional experiences are not essential, those who choose to take advantage will open doors to a vast network of leaders Edmonton and the Capital Region.

LEARNING DAYS SCHEDULE:

Friday classes run from: 1:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Saturday classes run from: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Opening and Closing Retreat Sundays run from: 9:00 am–3:00 pm

Sept. 22,23,24 - Opening Retreat

Oct. 19 & 20

Nov. 16 & 17

Dec. 7 & 8

Jan. 18 & 19

Feb. 22 & 23

Mar. 22 & 23

Apr. 19 & 20

May 3, 4 & 5 - Closing Retreat

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last name: _____ First name: _____ Initial: ____
Home Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Home e-mail: _____
Employer/Agency (if applicable): _____
Position: _____
Workplace Address: _____ PC: _____
Workplace Phone: _____ Fax: _____
e-mail: _____

To help ensure that we have a well-balanced class each year, please take the time to provide us with the following information. This information is optional. It does, however, assist us in ensuring we are maintaining diverse representation in each class.

In which sector are you currently employed?

Public Sector _____ Private Sector _____ Not-for-Profit Sector _____

Where did you hear about the Leadership Edmonton Program?

_____ Colleagues/Friends _____ Alumni _____ Workplace _____ Website _____
Career Fair _____ Newspaper Ad _____ Printed Materials _____

Presentation _____ Exhibit _____

Other _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS ON HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

In 2-3 paragraphs per question, please answer the following:

1. Can you describe a situation in your organization or in the community where passion and/or personal responsibility have driven you to respond to a need?

2. What challenges do you face, if any, in accepting and adapting to new information that may be contradictory to your beliefs and values?

3. Who are your personal role models (individuals or organizations) or sources of inspiration for leadership and why? Based on these role models, what leadership skills do you want to learn or strengthen?

PERSONAL TIME COMMITMENT STATEMENT

Please understand that there is not always space to accommodate all of the individuals who apply to the program in any given year. Therefore, if selected, I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the Leadership Edmonton program as outlined above which includes attending Learning Days, completing readings and other class preparation activities, participating in group work. (Please refer to the time commitments as outlined on page 1 of this application.) In the event of an emergency that may interfere with your ability to attend a particular class, participants MUST CONTACT THE CURRICULUM COORDINATOR in advance. FULL ATTENDANCE IS EXPECTED AND REQUIRED.

Understand that absence from the Opening Retreat or an entire Learning Day could lead to me being asked to withdraw from the program.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

EMPLOYER/SPONSOR COMMITMENT STATEMENT

_____ (name of applicant) has the approval and full support of _____ (name of company/sponsor) if accepted to devote the time required (as outlined in this application) to participate in the Leadership Edmonton program.

The full tuition fee for a participant is \$2,700. Participants are expected to make a personal contribution of a minimum of \$250 toward the program fee. If this applicant is accepted, we agree to pay \$_____ of the Leadership Edmonton fee for the above participant. I understand this tuition is non-refundable and nontransferable.

Employer/Sponsor signature: _____
(name/position)

Date: _____

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT STATEMENT

Leadership Edmonton provides this eight-month leadership development course, valued at \$10,000, for a fee of only \$2,700 per individual. This is made possible by the support and commitment of our sponsors who strongly believe in and support community leadership development in the Edmonton and Capital Region.

Fees Due Upon Acceptance: \$250.00 personal commitment deposit

Balance Due October 15, 2011: \$2,450.00 balance of fees

Note: should an applicant need to pay for their fees in installments (with prior permission from Leadership Edmonton) they should be submitted as post-dated cheques prior to the commencement of class as follows:
\$ 650 Sept. 15, 2011 \$ 600 Nov. 15, 2011 \$ 600 Dec. 15, 2011 \$ 600 Jan. 15, 2012

I have read and agree to comply with the payment schedule for Leadership Edmonton if I am accepted.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____ I will contribute \$ _____ toward my tuition fee of \$2,700.00. My employer will contribute \$ _____ toward my tuition fee of \$2,700.00

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

Please ensure you have complete and attach the following documents

- Application form (with signatures as required)
- Resume that includes your professional and volunteer experiences
- Letter of support submitted by a professional mentor, a community volunteer, or a personal acquaintance
- The referee should be able to speak to your character, professional and/or community initiative and leadership, and attest to your suitability for the
- Leadership Edmonton program

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Students are responsible for finding funding for their tuition. Leadership Edmonton has a scholarship available to for up to three eligible participants and can provide other information on other funders who could potential help fund tuition. A lack of funding should not deter an individual from making an application to Leadership Edmonton, nor will a requirement for financial assistance affect the selection process. For a Scholarship Request Form contact the Leadership Edmonton office at 780-424-1737 or email: leaders@leadershipedmonton.com.

SELECTION PROCESS

A personal interview will be required. An interview will be carried out by the Interview Team to review the participant's qualifications between May and June. The final decisions will be made based on the recommendations of the Interview Team, Leadership Edmonton Selection Committee, and the criteria set out for the program.

All candidates will be sent a letter of acceptance or of regret once the final decision has been made. Candidates will be notified regarding acceptance on June 31, 2011.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 31, 2012
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