



**APPLICATION FOR 2018-2019**  
**MUST BE RETURNED BY**  
**FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2018**

Tuition for the 2018-2019 Leadership Hardee Program is \$550 per participant, and includes meals and transportation during class days, and materials for sessions. Included with this application is the Code of Conduct, with signature required.

Leadership Hardee is committed to including qualified applicants. Payment can be made by participant, their employer or a combination of both.

**Applicants convicted of a Felony or any type of sexual assault will not be considered.**  
 All applicants are subject to a background check.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Last	Employer						
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Cell Phone	Business Phone						
Personal Email	Business Email						

Preferred method of contact: (please select one for each)

<u>Mailing Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Business
<input type="checkbox"/> Home	<input type="checkbox"/> Cell	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal

\*Your decision letter will be sent to the email address selected.

## EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Present Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your greatest responsibility, skills and/or career achievement:

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### References:

#1)  
Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#2)  
Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## EMPLOYER AUTHORIZATION (if applicable)

I approve the participation of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Leadership Hardee program. This applicant has the approval and full support of this organization, including the time required to successfully complete the program. (For applicants who answer directly to a board of directors, such as an executive director of a non-profit organization, please have the board president or chair sign)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to pay \$\_\_\_\_\_ of the Leadership Hardee tuition for the above applicant if accepted. I understand the tuition is nonrefundable and nontransferable.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## PRIOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Have you participated in another Community Leadership program? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

If yes, please list the program(s) and the year(s) of participation: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied to Leadership Hardee in the past? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No If so, what year(s)?

How did you learn about Leadership Hardee? \_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATION

Name of Institution	Location	Degree/Major	Year

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Please list, *in order of importance to you*, your business/professional affiliations, as well as involvement in civic organizations, business & community board service, and volunteerism.

Organization/Activity

Position

Date/Year of Membership

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## **ESSAY QUESTIONS**

Keep in mind that your answers are the only tool the Selection Committee has to learn about you, as we do not conduct interviews or accept letters of recommendation. Give yourself enough time to complete the questions thoughtfully. Please answer them thoroughly, but limit your answers to the space provided or attach additional page.

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## **COMMUNITY VISION**

What assets and strengths do we have in Hardee County that you are proud of?

Which challenge(s) facing Hardee County are you most passionate about, and why?

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## **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Why do you want to participate in Leadership Hardee? Why should you be selected for Leadership Hardee Class VII?

# APPLICATION AGREEMENT

If Accepted:

- I have cleared my calendar on the appropriate dates.
- I understand that any funds generated by the class fundraiser will be distributed by Hardee Community Foundation
- I will attend or participate in the 3 mandatory events: orientation, class fundraiser and graduation ceremony.
- I will attend a minimum of 7 out of the 9 day-long class days.
- I understand that if I miss three class days OR any of the mandatory events, I will no longer be a participant in the program.
- I understand that the \$550 tuition is due by Thursday, Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, and that I am personally responsible for any portion of tuition not paid by my employer.  
**\*If Employer pays for any part of tuition, they will be notified of any absences.**

By signing this application I agree to be bound by this commitment if I am selected for Leadership Hardee.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Did you fully complete the application?
- Did you answer ALL essay questions and limit your answers to the space provided?
- Did your employer sign the employer authorization section? (if applicable – page 2)
- Did you sign the applicant agreement? (above)
- Application delivered via email or mail by Friday, July 13th, 2018 at 4:00pm

### LEADERSHIP HARDEE CONTACT INFORMATION

**Jessica Turner, Program Coordinator**  
863-445-1058 cell  
863-773-6967 work phone  
director@hardeecc.com

**Mail, Fax, Email or Drop off at:**  
Hardee Chamber of Commerce  
135 E. Main Street, Wauchula FL 33873  
hardeecc.com

## OPERATING POLICY

- ❖ Leadership Hardee is governed by a committee within the Hardee County Chamber of Commerce. The Committee consists of Chamber board members and community leaders who have a keen interest in the Leadership Hardee program and its promotion of Hardee County.
- ❖ The Leadership Hardee program shall be comprised of not less than 8, and no more than 10 class sessions over a nine month period. Applicants will receive the detailed class schedule prior to acceptance in the program.
- ❖ Leadership Hardee shall seek applicants for enrollment strictly within the membership of the Hardee County Chamber of Commerce. Applicants will be encouraged from across the spectrum of people representing business, civic, cultural, social, and governmental entities regardless of race, color, religion, gender, origin, age, disability, marital status, political affiliation, and sexual orientation.
- ❖ Leadership Hardee may be administered by the Hardee County Chamber of Commerce or it may be administered by a qualified individual/organization selected by the Leadership Hardee Committee. The Committee shall set any compensation for such administrative services.
- ❖ The Leadership Hardee Committee shall adopt an annual program and operating budget to support that program and shall establish the tuition amount required to fully fund all program activities.
- ❖ The Leadership Hardee Committee shall make periodic reports to the Board of Directors of the Hardee County Chamber of Commerce in order to assure continuing support & clear communication.

## 2018-2019 Leadership Schedule

- ❖ August 23, 2018  
**Leadership Launch:** Noon-4pm
- ❖ September 12, 2018  
**Session 1:** 8am-4pm
- ❖ October 10, 2018  
**Session 2:** 8am-4pm
- ❖ November 14, 2018  
**Session 3:** 8am-4pm
- ❖ December 12, 2018  
**Session 4:** 8am-4pm
- ❖ January 9, 2019  
**Session 5:** 8am-4pm
- ❖ February 13, 2019  
**Session 6:** 8am-4pm
- ❖ March 13, 2019  
**Session 7:** 8am-4pm
- ❖ April 10, 2019  
**Session 8:** 8am-4pm
- ❖ May 8, 2019  
**Session 9:** 8am-4pm
- ❖ May 23, 2019  
**Graduation:** Noon-2pm
- ❖ *Attendance will be required in order to graduate from the Hardee Leadership Program.*