

LEADERSHIP ATHENS COUNTY 2008-2009

APPLICATION

An Athens Foundation, Athens Area Chamber of Commerce & Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs Collaboration

ABOUT LEADERSHIP ATHENS COUNTY

The Athens Foundation and the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce launched *Leadership Athens County* in the spring of 2006. It is a nine-month course, from September through May, aimed at developing a corps of informed citizens to provide dynamic community leadership. Participants explore Athens' economic, political, social and cultural landscape through panel discussions, tours, meetings with public officials, and interactions with community leaders. *Leadership Athens County* also provides participants the opportunity to develop their own leadership style. This is a tremendous opportunity for both personal and professional growth.

INSTRUCTIONS

This application contains six sections. Please print in ink or type your answers in the space provided. This form may be sent electronically or mailed to: Leadership Athens County, Building 20, The Ridges, Athens, OH 45701. Applications are due by July 31, 2008. No money is due now. Information is available at www.leadershipathenscounty.org and questions should be directed to Tanya Conrath, Director, at conrath@ohio.edu or call 740.597.1711.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Leadership Athens County welcomes applications from those who either work, play or reside in Athens County. The successful candidate will have:

- A demonstrated commitment to their community
- An interest in assuming a greater role in their community
- The intention to remain in Athens County
- The full support of his or her employer
- The ability to attend all of the sessions and the retreats

Up to twenty participants will be selected. In order to achieve a diverse group, consideration will be given to age, gender, occupation, place of residence, and race.

COMMITMENT

To fulfill our commitment to you and your employer, attendance at the retreats and classes is mandatory. Since emergencies do arise, participants are allowed one absence. More than one absence will make you ineligible for graduating with your class. If you are unable to fulfill this requirement, please delay your application until you can make the commitment.

TUITION

If selected, tuition for *Leadership Athens County* is \$350 and covers all program costs, meals, transportation during the sessions, speaker fees, room rentals and reading materials. It does not include the cost of overnight room accommodations for the retreat.

I. General Information

Name: _____

Ms.: _____ Miss: _____ Mrs.: _____ Mr.: _____ Dr.: _____

Preferred First Name: _____ Date of Birth*: _____

Gender*: _____ (M/F) Race*: _____

**this information is requested to achieve a diverse group*

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Length of Residency in Athens County: _____

II. Education

Name of School	Dates Attended	Degree/Certificate
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		
4. _____		

Special Academic honors and recognitions:

III. Employment

Name of Employer: _____

Address of Employer: _____

Business Phone Number: _____

Position/Title: _____

Length of Employment with current employer: _____

If less than one year, please complete the following:

Previous Employer: _____

Position: _____

Length of Employment: _____

Briefly describe your current responsibilities at work: _____

Briefly describe your most significant professional contribution to date: _____

IV. Community Involvement

Please list, in order of importance to you, your civic, political, religious, social, professional or other volunteer activities, including any leadership positions you have held and the dates of your involvement with the organization.

Name of Organization	Position held	Date of Service
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		
4. _____		
5. _____		
6. _____		

Briefly describe your most significant volunteer work to date: _____

How many hours per month do you commit to your volunteer activities? _____

V. Personal Vision

What do you consider to be the top challenges facing Athens County?

What do you hope to gain from participating in *Leadership Athens County*?

VI. References

List two people unrelated to you who will speak on your behalf about your commitment to your community.

Name: _____

Address where he or she can be contacted: _____

Phone Number where he or she can be contacted: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Name: _____

Address where he or she can be contacted: _____

Phone Number where he or she can be contacted: _____

Relationship to you: _____

By checking this box, I acknowledge that if selected for *Leadership Athens County*, I will devote the necessary time and energy to complete the program.

By checking this box, I acknowledge that if selected for *Leadership Athens County*, my employer fully understands my attendance requirements and is supportive of my participation.