



Leadership Stark County

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24th Class Signature Program Application Instructions

Leadership Stark County is committed to selecting individuals for the Signature program who demonstrate high standards of personal integrity and to construct a class that is representative of the professional, geographic, racial, economic, and ethnic diversity of the community.

Leadership Stark County Signature program participants for the upcoming class will be selected by a volunteer Selection Committee from applications received by **Friday, April 30, 2010**. The Selection Committee's decisions are based on the individual application, letter of endorsement, group interview participation and the diversity of the applicant pool.

Tuition is \$2200 for the entire program. All materials, meals and overnight lodging for the Opening Retreat are included. For information about tuition assistance, please visit our website at www.leadershipstarkcounty.org/application/assistance or call Fran Wells, director, at 330-458-2094.

In late June 2010, all candidates will be personally called regarding selection of the 24th Class. Since the number of appointments is limited, applicants who are not selected are encouraged to reapply in subsequent years.

Application steps:

The application consists of 3 parts; part 1 will be completed online. Parts 2 & 3 must be downloaded and mailed or delivered to the Leadership Stark County office. Applications must be completed by **April 30, 2010**.

1. Go to www.leadershipstarkcounty.org and click on the 'Apply Online' tab. Register and begin your application. You may come back and finish it later or make changes; remember your password.

Make sure that you:

- ✓ Indicate your availability for the Group Interview. Each applicant is required to participate in **one** of the two Group Interviews scheduled for **Thursday, May 27th and Wednesday, June 2nd from 5:15 to 7:15 pm** at the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce at 222 Market Ave North in downtown Canton.
- ✓ Complete all sections of the online application (**Part I**)

2. Download and print **Part II**. Complete and return to LSC.

Make sure that you:

- ✓ Include the \$25 application fee. (Check made payable to Leadership Stark County or Credit Card)
- ✓ If interested in tuition assistance, be sure that you have located and completed the form on-line.
- ✓ Have your employer or financial sponsor indicate the amount of the tuition they will pay, and print and sign their name.
- ✓ Look carefully at the calendar of required events; both you and your employer must sign the 'memorandum of understanding.'

3. Download and print **Part III**. We require **one** letter of endorsement. Please give the endorsement instruction sheet to a sponsor or volunteer colleague of your choice. The letter of endorsement is to be mailed or delivered to LSC by **Friday, April 30, 2010**.