



The mission of **LEADERSHIP** Magnolia-Columbia County is to  
Improve the quality of life in the community by developing  
Qualified leaders who will address and facilitate solutions to critical issues.

### **LEADERSHIP MAGNOLIA-COLUMBIA COUNTY**

Provides a diverse group of emerging and existing leaders  
With opportunities to enhance their leadership skills,  
community knowledge and civic networks.

### **WHAT IS LEADERSHIP MAGNOLIA-COLUMBIA COUNTY?**

Founded in 1995, Leadership Magnolia-Columbia County is designed to provide a series of educational and participatory experiences for some twenty-five individuals each year. Participants are chosen for a ten-month leadership training program consisting of nine full-day Sessions, once a month on the third Thursday, starting in August and running through May.

Sessions combine forums, tours, dialogue and interaction between speakers and participants. Subjects include government, quality of life, education, health care, economy, human services, industry, technology, and community heritage.

### **WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF LEADERSHIP MAGNOLIA-COLUMBIA COUNTY?**

Leadership Magnolia-Columbia County offers new learning opportunities, increases awareness of local resources, creates a network for personal and professional benefit, and challenges potential leaders to explore greater community involvement and decision-making opportunities. The program seeks to identify and nurture existing and potential leaders and acquaint future leaders with community needs, problems and opportunities.

### **ARE YOU A LEADER?**

Leadership Magnolia-Columbia County requires a serious commitment. Participants should be prepared to devote one day per month (for ten months) to the program, beginning in August and continuing through May. Participants should be prepared to attend and complete the mandatory over-night retreat. The retreat is a vital part of the program and is where multiple decisions will be made about the class project and class officers. Outside study of program topic may be required. The success of this program will depend on full participation by the individual. Those who are unable to make this commitment should not apply. Leadership Magnolia tuition is \$450.00 per individual. **Tuition must be paid in full by August 5, 2017.** Scholarships may be available for those who qualify for the program. An explanation stating financial need should be included with the application.

**LEADERSHIP MAGNOLIA-COLUMBIA COUNTY APPLICATION**

**Applications for this year's class are due by August 5, 2017. Select information about yourself which you believe to be the most outstanding and relevant.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
          Last                      First                      Middle

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

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

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Business: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Immediate Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you prefer to receive your notice?  
                                          E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Which mailing address do you prefer?  
                                          Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Magnolia-Columbia County represents a cross-section of citizens from a variety of backgrounds. Leadership Magnolia-Columbia County graduates bring different perspectives to address Magnolia and Columbia County's needs. The following information helps us to identify applicants from a cross-section of the city. The following information helps us to identify applicants from a cross-section of the city. THE FOLLOWING IS OPTIONAL.

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_

**I. EDUCATION**

Please provide information regarding your education: high school, college, graduate school or other pertinent education.

Name and Location of School, Dates, Degree, and Major

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**II. EMPLOYMENT**

Employment history for past three years

Present Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Date of hire \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Business/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your employment responsibilities:

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List previous employment in reverse chronological order:

Employer Title/Responsibility From To

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**III. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Please list in order of importance to you, up to five community, civic, professional, business, religious, social, athletic or other organization which you have been active.

*Organization Membership Date Official Positions*

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What do you consider your *most important accomplishment* in one of the above organizations? Why?

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How much time *each month* do you commit to volunteer work?

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On what kinds of community boards, committees, or groups would you like to become active in the future? Why?

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#### **IV. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

List major awards and recognition received to date. Include educational institutions, business or community endeavors.

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#### **V. GENERAL INFORMATION**

One of the goals of LEADERERSHIP MAGNOLIA-COLUMBIA COUNTY is to build a network of community leaders who can enhance their problem-solving and other leadership abilities through shared perspectives and working together.

A. What do you feel are the three most significant *problems* facing Magnolia and the Southwest Arkansas area today? Explain why and give any recommendations that you may have for approaching and resolving these problems.

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B. What the most notable *opportunities* Magnolia and Southwest Arkansas has to offer?

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What do you feel needs to be done to develop *one* of these opportunities?

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C. Leadership styles vary in different situations. In your opinion, what common traits do all leaders exhibit?

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**VI. COMMITMENT/ATTENDANCE**

- **To graduate from LEADERSHIP MAGNOLIA-COLUMBIA COUNTY, a participant is expected to attend all sessions.**
- **Attend and Complete: Mandatory Orientation Retreat– This is a two day one overnight session on September 21-22, 2017 (a change in dates may occur).**
- **Attend: One full day seminar on the third Thursday of each month (August through May; excluding September)**
- **Attend and participate in class project meetings and fundraisers scheduled by class members.**
- **Finish Class Project**
- **Attend: Graduation Ceremonies**

I understand the purposes of the LEADERSHIP MAGNOLIA program and if I am selected I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the program. Even though emergencies arise, any participant missing more than 16 hours, for whatever reason, may be asked to withdraw from the program and no portion of the tuition shall be refunded. I understand the above commitments and agree to be bound by them in signing this application.

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

**TUITION**

The tuition fee for the 2017-2018 Leadership Magnolia-Columbia County program is \$450.00 and is to be paid by you or your employer when you are accepted as a participant by August 5, 2017.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Limited tuition assistance may be available. I will need scholarship assistance:

NO \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_

Amount requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for

request: \_\_\_\_\_

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**EMPLOYER COMMITMENT** (if applicable)

Applicants for the Leadership Magnolia-Columbia County program must have the support and commitment of their employers.

This application has the approval of this organization and the applicant has our full support which includes the time requested to participate in the program.

**I understand that the employee listed will need to attend and complete all the monthly meetings and mandatory retreat to graduate from Leadership Magnolia-Columbia County.**

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Company

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Signature

Optional Information:

How did you become aware of the LEADERSHIP MAGNOLIA-COLUMBIA COUNTY program?

\_\_\_\_\_ Media \_\_\_\_\_ Leadership Magnolia Alumnus \_\_\_\_\_ Business Associate \_\_\_\_\_ Friend

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants who are not selected the first time are strongly encouraged to reapply in future years.

**DEADLINE: ASAP**

**RETURN APPLICATIONS TO:**

**Leadership Magnolia**

**FAX: 870-234-9291**

**Email: [ea@ccalliance.us](mailto:ea@ccalliance.us)**

**Or drop by the Chamber Office**

**211 W. Main**

**Magnolia, AR 71753**

**Or**

**Jodie Westfall**

**Standing Membership Committee Chair**

**1312 Tall Timber Dr.**

**Magnolia, AR 71753**

**870-299-0730**

**Email: [westfalljodie0@gmail.com](mailto:westfalljodie0@gmail.com)**