



Class of 2021 Application

INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your interest in applying for Leadership Champlain's Class of 2021!

Before completing this application, please visit the Leadership Champlain website at <https://www.vermont.org/chamber/programs-affiliations/workforce-education-training/leadership/> to ensure that you understand the tuition and fees, seminar dates and program expectations.

BEFORE APPLYING, PLEASE READ BELOW:

- All members of the cohort must be able to attend eight of the nine program days AND the mandatory two-day overnight retreat on September 17-18, 2020.
- All members of the cohort must be able to commit to 4-6 hours of additional work per month throughout the program. This time will be spent on two separate group projects and any necessary pre-reading that is distributed prior to program days.
- A \$50 non-refundable application fee is required in order to submit your application. The program tuition is \$2,000 for Chamber member businesses. It is \$2,500 for non-Chamber members. If you applied last year and were not accepted, we encourage you to apply again. Your application fee will be waived this year.

The Leadership Champlain Selection Committee seeks to accept a diverse class representative of our community. The ideal applicant is thorough and demonstrates a strong interest in the program. The cohort is limited to 36 individuals.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, April 6th, 2020.

Candidates will receive notification of acceptance or non-acceptance by Monday, May 18th.

If you have any questions, contact Tori Colarusso, Program Director, at (802) 863-3489 x201 or tori@vermont.org.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Email Address:
2. Full Name (First, Middle, Last):
3. Preferred Name/Nickname:
4. Personal/Cell Phone Number:
5. Birthdate (Example: January 1, 2000):
6. Preferred Pronoun:
 She/Her/Hers He/Him/Hers They/Them/Theirs
7. Home Address:
8. LinkedIn Profile:
9. For the purposes of this program, what should we consider your “home” community? Leadership Champlain accepts participants who live or work in Chittenden, Franklin, Washington, Grand Isle, Lamoille, and Addison County. Please explain which town you might like to represent in this program and why:
10. Emergency Contact Name, Relationship to You, and Phone Number:

EMPLOYMENT AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

11. Current Employer:
12. Sponsoring Organization/Business (indicate your current employer, other organization, or N/A if not applicable):
13. Name and Contact Information of Person at Sponsoring Organization
Please indicate the full name, title and contact information for the person at the sponsoring organization, if applicable, as indication of their support for your

participation in Leadership Champlain. **Note: a sponsoring organization is not required for admission into the program if an applicant intends to self-pay.**

14. Your Business Address:

15. Your Business Phone Number:

16. Your Business Email Address:

17. Education

Please list your educational background including degrees awarded, field of study, professional institutes, training programs, etc. Include special honors or awards.

18. Employment History

If employed, please list current employer, job title and brief description of job duties. Please also briefly list past employers, length of employment and area(s) of responsibility.

19. Organization/Business, Professional or Volunteer Activities

Please list major civic, business, professional, and voluntary activities in which you have participated, including your role. Please include any offices you have held. Also, list awards or any special recognition that you have received.

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Your answers to these questions will be a key factor in the Selection Committee's consideration.

20. Please describe the impact you have made on one of these organizations:

21. In your judgment, what is the most pressing issue facing the local community and why?

22. What thoughts do you have about ways to resolve the issue you described above?

23. What motivated you to apply for the Leadership Champlain program?

REFERENCES

24. List two people who have knowledge of your qualifications. Include First Name, Last Name, Email Address and Phone Number. **Note: the Selection Committee may contact these individuals.**

25. Leadership Champlain References

If applicable, list 1-2 people you know who have previously participated in Leadership Champlain. Please include first name, last name, email address and phone number. Please also indicate your relationship and whether they are recommending you for the program. **Note: the Selection Committee may contact these individuals.**

TUITION AND FEES

Total tuition and fees for the 2020-2021 Leadership Champlain program are as follows:

Application Fee - \$50 (due with application)
Tuition - \$2,000 (if accepted, due by July 6, 2020)
TOTAL - \$2,050

The \$50 non-refundable application fee is due when you submit your application. **YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE REVIEWED UNTIL YOU SUBMIT THE FEE.**

If you applied last year but were not accepted, your application fee will be waived.

If you are selected for the class, \$2,000 class tuition is due by Monday, July 6, 2020. Tuition assistance may be available. **Note: the application fee is not applied to the class tuition.**

You may pay the application fee online at bit.ly/LC2020AppFee or make checks payable to "Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce" and mail to:

Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce
60 Main Street, Suite 100
Burlington, VT 05401

You'll be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance on Monday, May 18th.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

It is the goal of the Leadership Champlain Advisory Board to make this program as accessible as possible for those willing to step forward in their roles as community leaders. To this end, a limited number of partial scholarships are available, up to 50% of tuition. This assistance is available to individuals sponsored by non-profit organizations.

I would like to request tuition assistance.

26. Please briefly describe your need for financial assistance.

27. How much financial assistance are you requesting?

NOTE: Funds are limited and there is no guarantee the funds you are requesting will be available.

DECLARATION UPON COMPLETION OF APPLICATION*

28. In submitting this application, I hereby declare that (check the box)*:

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information I have provided is true and accurate.

Except for circumstances beyond my control, I will abide by the attendance policy and complete the program in its entirety (nine program days including mandatory two-day retreat in September).

29. Signature of Applicant*

In order for your application to be accepted, you must submit it with the \$50 application fee. You may pay this fee online at bit.ly/LC2020ApplicationFee or you can mail a check made payable to "Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce" to 60 Main Street, Suite 100, Burlington, VT 05401.

Please email completed application to tori@vermont.org or mail to Leadership Champlain, 60 Main Street, Suite 100, Burlington, VT 05401 by June 3, 2019.