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About Leadership North Carolina

The mission of the Leadership North Carolina is to inform, develop and engage committed leaders by broadening their understanding of and involvement in issues and opportunities facing our state. The program is aimed at persons who have demonstrated community and professional leadership experiences. Program sessions give class members a broader understanding of the state, with a focus on issues in the topical areas of Economic Development, Education, Environment, Government, and Health and Human Services. Participants learn about the critical issues in these areas through discussions with top officials of the state, professionals in the areas, field trips and experiential activities. The program cultivates a network of citizens with diverse backgrounds and experiences who represent the many geographic areas of the state and who are committed to volunteer service.

Program Format: The program has six, two-day monthly sessions held between October and May. The sessions are held in six different cities across the state. The application period for the 2010-11 program will open May 10 and will close on June 30, 2010. Class XVIII will be announced in August.

Class XVIII Schedule

Orientation	Boone	October 4-6, 2010
Government	Raleigh	November 3-5, 2010
Education	Greensboro	December 8-10, 2010
Environment	Charlotte	February 2-4, 2011
Economic Development	Wilmington	February 28 - March 2, 2011
Health & Human Services	Asheville	April 6-8, 2011
Planning Committee/Graduation	Raleigh	May 12, 2011

Participants: Open to all citizens of the state, LNC seeks a class of approximately 50 leaders who represent the various geographic regions and communities of the state from the public, private and non-profit sectors. Special effort is made to ensure diversity among class members (race, gender, geography, occupation, stage of career, etc.). The program is not geared toward any particular age range - classes typically consist of persons in their 20's through retirement.

Selection: Characteristics of a successful applicant include commitment, motivation, and interest to serve the state; demonstrated voluntary leadership in community affairs; desire and willingness to seek key volunteer and/or appointed leadership roles; an occupational commitment to remain in the state; and long-term commitment to play a personal role in helping to shape North Carolina's future.

Tuition: Tuition for the 2010-11 class will be \$4,000 (this is less than half of what it would be without generous corporate, foundation, and individual support.) Most meals are included (breakfasts are continental); participants are responsible for travel and lodging costs.

Scholarships: Funds are available to provide a limited number of partial, need-based scholarships to candidates who expect to bear some or all of the program costs personally. No full scholarships are offered.

Program Graduates: Graduates join a powerful alumni base of over 700 leaders, with continuing opportunities for networking, exposure, and service.

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