



Program Description

Leadership Portland was created by the Portland Business Alliance to provide emerging leaders with the skills and understanding necessary for future leadership positions within companies, civic organizations and government in the Portland region. The goal of Leadership Portland is to increase participants knowledge of the region and refine and develop leadership skills through participation in interactive exercises and a challenging curriculum. Class participants will gain an understanding of how the community works and the issues that challenge the economic growth and stability of the region.

This intensive program operates from September 2007 through June 2008. The program begins with a two-day retreat, and continues with class members meeting for program days, one day a month for eight months. Class members are also expected to complete and present a team community project.

Participants

A selection committee chooses participants based on a completed application and references submitted by the applicant. The program seeks representation from a cross-section of the Portland business community taking into consideration sex, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, size and type of business, non-profit status, etc. Therefore, preference will be given to candidates who, in addition to their potential for leadership, would contribute to the overall diversity of the class. Participants must have a commitment to community service and civic involvement. Class size is limited to 36 participants. It is not unusual for the Alliance to receive many more applications than there are places in the class.

Requirements for participation:

- 1.) Attendance is mandatory for the two-day retreat, seven out of eight education days (8 am – 5 pm) and graduation. Failure to attend may result in dismissal, without a refund of tuition.
- 2.) Completion of a community service project.
- 3.) Full support of the participants employer as evidenced by their signature on the application.
- 4.) Payment of tuition before September 1, 2007.

Tuition

Tuition is \$2,500 and billed at the time of acceptance into the program.



Process

To apply for the Leadership Portland Class of 2008:

- 1.) Complete an application by Thursday, May 31, 2007.
- 2.) Obtain a letter of recommendation from your employer and from a sponsor or community leader.
- 2.) Send the above to:

Leadership Portland
Attn: Selection Committee
200 SW Market St., Suite 1770
Portland, OR 97201

Program participants will be notified of acceptance no later than June 14, 2007.

Commitments for Participation

Attendance at and active participation in each program day is mandatory.

The 2007-08 schedule is as follows:

Wednesday and Thursday, September 19-20, 2007 - Opening Retreat
Tuesday, September 25, 2007 - Welcoming Reception
Thursday, October 11, 2007 - Law, Justice & Public Safety
Thursday, November 8, 2007 - Portland: Power, Influence & Leadership
Thursday, December 13, 2007 - Business & Economic Development
Thursday, January 10, 2008 - Education
Thursday, February 14, 2008 - Building Sustainable Communities
Thursday, March 13, 2008 - State Government & Public Policy
Thursday, April 10, 2008 - Healthcare & Human Services
Thursday, May 8, 2008 - Cultural Arts & The Creative Economy
Thursday, June 05, 2008 - Graduation

In addition to the program days, participants are required to complete a team community project.

To ensure your attendance and successful participation in the program, it is vital that you and your employer understand and honor your commitment to the program. If you are unable to commit to this schedule, please do not apply at this time.

Program objectives:

- Build knowledge and insight on major issues facing the Portland region.
- Provide a forum for candid discussion of those issues.
- Define and build the core values necessary for successful leadership.
- Stimulate critical and creative thinking to develop initiatives that address the needs of the business community, the broader community and the region.
- Prepare participants for future leadership positions in the community.

If you have questions, please contact the Program Coordinator at 503.552.6775 or email leadershipportland@portlandalliance.com