The Leadership Winter Haven program is designed to bring together a cross section of those who should participate in leadership roles in Winter Haven’s future. It is based on the belief that knowledge is a key element and prime motivator of leadership.

Selection Criteria: The Selection Committee seeks to identify those individuals most likely to use their leadership abilities for the long-term benefit of our community. Basic selection criteria, in addition to Chamber membership, are:

1. To select those individuals with a commitment, motivation and interest to serve Winter Haven.
2. To select those who have demonstrated concern by past community involvement.
3. To select those intending to seek key volunteer and/or appointed leadership roles.

Attendance: To be eligible for graduation from the Leadership program, participants may not miss more than one full class day. An option to make up the required day is available during the following year.

Tuition: The cost of the program is $1,850 for Chamber member and $2,200 for non-Chamber member, payable upon acceptance to the program. This fee includes all meals, transportation and accommodations. Arrangements can be made to pay in two installments.

Nominations: The form is to be completed by you as the sponsor or candidate for Leadership Winter Haven. It should be returned with the candidate’s completed confidential application. In addition to the form below, please attach a letter stating why this individual has been nominated.

NOMINEE ___________________________________________________________________________________
Nominee’s Company/Organization ________________________________________________________________
Current Position/Title ___________________________________________________________________________

Permission to Participate: I hereby nominate this individual for participation in Leadership Winter Haven and certify that he/she will be able to participate fully in all program activities which will require time away from work.

Signed _____________________________________________________________________________________
(Sponsor) (Title)
Firm/Organization ____________________________________________________________________________
Mailing Address ______________________________________________________________________________

Please return to: Leadership Winter Haven, P.O. Box 1420, Winter Haven, FL 33882-1420
Leadership Winter Haven requires a significant time commitment from participants. Full-day programs are held approximately every two weeks. Before you consider participation, we must ask that you commit to regular attendance at Leadership programs (no more than one absence is allowed during the program). Your attendance at the opening retreat, three-day trip to Tallahassee during the legislative session and closing retreat is mandatory. The use of cell phones is prohibited throughout each Leadership day. Are you and your employer willing to make such a commitment from October through June:

Yes _____________ No _____________ Date of application _________________________________________________

I. PERSONAL DATA
Name _________________________________________________________________________ Sex ______(M/F)
(last) (first) (middle initial)
Date of birth (mo/day/yr) _____/_____/____

Home Address ____________________________________________________________________________
(street) (city) (state, zip)

Business Address __________________________________________________________________________
(street) (city) (state, zip)

Mailing Address (if different)_________________________________________________________________

Telephone (home) ___________________ (business) ___________________ Fax _________________________
e-mail address ____________________ Hometown _______________ Years in Winter Haven area_________

Name of spouse _________________________________ Number of children _________________________

Hobbies/Special Interests: ___________________________________________________________________

II. EDUCATION
Begin with high school, college(s), advanced degrees and/or special training.

A. Name and location of school Date (from-to) Degree Major
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B. Special Awards for Academic Performance: ______________________________________________
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C. Extracurricular Activities: (leadership positions held, special honors, awards received during school years)
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III. EMPLOYMENT

Present Employer _______________________________________________ Since _____________________

A. Briefly describe your current job responsibilities: ___________________________________________
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________________________________________________________________________________________________
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B. List previous employment (include active military duty):

Employer
Title / Responsibility
From - To

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________________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________________
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C. What do you consider your highest career achievement?
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D. Business/Professional Affiliations: (Not including civic organizations, public office or political activities)

Name of Organization
Position held/Assignments
From - To

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IV. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

A. Include community, civic, religious, political, governmental, social, athletic, etc. Indicate major role in the organization.

Organization
Years as a member
Positions held

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B. What do you consider your most important accomplishment in one of the aforementioned organizations? and Why?

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C. On the average, how much time each month do you commit to volunteer work? _________

D. In what kinds of additional activities would you like volunteer your time in the future? _________

V. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. What specific skills / knowledge do you hope to gain from your participation in Leadership Winter Haven?

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B. What contribution do you feel you could make to this program? __________________________

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C. What do you feel are two of the most significant challenges facing Winter Haven today?

1. ___________________________________________

2. ___________________________________________

D. Give your recommendations for approaching and resolving one of these problems:

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Sample Itinerary:

While the itinerary is subject to modification, a typical list of Leadership Winter Haven program days would include:

Opening Retreat (Mandatory - Overnight) & Welcome Party (Evening)

Tourism
Arts in Polk County
Community Health & Hospital Services
Agriculture & Citrus
Media
Polk County Government
Education
Manufacturing/Light Industry/Technology
City of Winter Haven
Regional Impact

Tallahassee: State Government (Mandatory - Three-day two-night trip) In March

Closing Retreat (Mandatory)