



CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION

LEADERSHIP EL PASO

CLASS XXXI – 2009

INSTRUCTIONS:

This application must be typed, or provided electronically as a Word or PDF document. Applications not provided in either format **will not be considered**. Applications must be received by the Chamber no later than **Monday, September 29, 2008**.

Please fully complete each section. Limit answers to the space available. To be considered for Leadership El Paso Class 31, which will be announced by November 11, 2008, this application must be signed by both applicant and employer/sponsor, if applicable. If selected, an electronic photo will be required prior to the opening retreat.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Leadership El Paso is a program of the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce, located at Ten Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, TX 79901. **For information, please contact Yvonne Ramirez at 915-534-0526, or via email at yramirez@elpaso.org.**

Participation in Leadership El Paso is open to individuals with a **demonstrated commitment to community service**. Preference is given to those who have achieved leadership positions in their field, and who are likely to be tapped for greater community responsibility.

The Selection Committee of Leadership El Paso will choose participants based upon the information provided on this application. In reviewing applications, the committee will look for participants who demonstrate the commitment and motivation to serve El Paso. To reflect El Paso's diversity, the committee seeks a broad cross-section of individuals active in business, education, politics, the arts, religion, government and community-based organizations; and representing a variety of ethnic and minority backgrounds.

Businesses may submit an unlimited number of applications, but no more than two persons per business will be chosen. If not selected, applicants are encouraged to re-apply for the following program year. Applicants must have lived or worked in the El Paso area for the 12 months immediately preceding the submission of the application.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

APPLICATION FOR SELECTION

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name Middle Name Last Name

Preferred Name Date of Birth (month/day/year)

Male Female Ethnicity: _____

Home Address City/State/Zip Home Phone

How long have you lived in El Paso? _____ Preferred Mailing Address: Home Work

Do you have any specific physical, medical, and/or dietary needs? If so please specify:

Have you ever applied for Leadership El Paso in the past? If so when? _____

How did you hear about this program? _____

II. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Business Name Your Title

Business Address City/State/Zip Business Phone

Business Fax Mobile Phone

Email Address

Briefly describe your professional responsibilities:

Previous employer (if employment has changed in the prior three years):

Employer	Title/Position	To/From	Reason for leaving

III. EDUCATION *(begin with high school, followed by business or trade school, college(s), advanced degrees and/or other specialized training):*

Name of School	Location (City/State)	Dates Attended To – From	Degree (BA, MA)	Major

IV. GENERAL INFORMATION (Please limit answers to space provided):

1. **What has been your most important contribution to El Paso or your former community? What role did you play?**

2. **What community and civic activities would you like to be involved with and why?**

3. **In your opinion, who are the top three most influential/powerful leaders in our community today? Why?**

4. **What do you see as the top three challenges facing the El Paso/Juarez/Fort Bliss community?**

5. How do you envision our community in five years? What do you believe your role will be?

6. Complete this statement: If accepted to Leadership El Paso, I will commit myself to applying the knowledge I acquire from the program by

7. What do you expect to gain from this program?

8. All of us have complex personalities and obviously a mix of a variety of characteristics. However, if you were to take the following descriptors listed and were forced to rank order which cluster is most like you (1) and (4) being least like you, (how you really are, not how people might see you at work), how would you rank yourself?) There are no “right” or “wrong” answers but the question will help us ensure a good balance of strengths in our selection process. 1 = most; 4 = least

_____ **organized, like a structured approach, loyal, traditional, punctual, proud to serve**

_____ **always looking at the big picture, analytical, logical, abstract, innovative, calm**

_____ **compassionate, sensitive, romantic, a consensus seeker, nurturer, harmonious**

_____ **spontaneous, bold, adventurer, restless, impulsive, fun, good in a crisis**

V. BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Please list your three most current, significant, professional achievements that demonstrate your leadership. (Do not include civic organizations, public offices or public activities)

VI. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Leadership El Paso is not a starting point. It is a program for men and women already established in their career, who have made contributions to community activities and their professions, while demonstrating their talents and leadership qualities. Please list, in order of importance to you, community organizations for which you are, or have been, a leader in El Paso: **Applications without this information will not be considered.**

Organization	Dates of Membership	Leadership Role

VII. ACKNOWLEDGMENT- Leadership El Paso is a learning experience and requires the following commitments on the part of the participant.

1. Participation in **mandatory opening retreat**. Participants will be automatically dropped from the program if they cannot attend the opening retreat on **January 9-10, 2009**.
2. Attendance at a minimum of eight all-day monthly sessions. Any participant missing a cumulative total of sixteen hours of sessions, for any reason, shall be automatically dropped from the program, and no portion of the tuition shall be refunded. Monthly sessions are the second Friday of each month (*unless otherwise noted*), January through December. A full day commences at 7:30 am and ends at 5:00 pm.
3. Active participation in a class project selected, implemented and completed by the class as a group.

I understand the purpose of Leadership El Paso and that completion of this application does not ensure my acceptance into the program. If selected to participate, I will devote the time required.

Applicant's Signature

Date

As the applicant's employer, I attest the applicant has been given approval and full support, which includes the time to participate in this program. I understand that cellular phones, beepers and pagers must be turned off during all sessions.

Employer's Signature

Date

VIII. TUITION- Ability to pay is not a consideration in selection of class participants and should not be viewed as a barrier to application. If accepted into the Leadership El Paso program, you or your employer will be billed for the tuition fee of **\$1,300.00**, which covers all program costs including retreats, rooms, meals, and transportation.

Tuition will be paid by? Self Employer Other: _____

TUITION IS PAYABLE IN FULL NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2009.

IX. TUITION ASSISTANCE- Partial scholarships are available through the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce Leadership El Paso Scholarship fund. Will you require financial assistance to participate in the program?

No Yes (If yes, amount of scholarship requested: \$ _____)

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE, THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA MUST BE MET:
Applicants are required to ask employer to contribute to tuition. If your employer is not able to contribute, please include a statement from the authorizing supervisor regarding the inability of the company to pay.

1. Have you asked your employer to pay part of your tuition? No Yes
If yes, what has employer committed to pay toward your tuition? \$ _____
2. A letter addressed to the program, providing a full and complete explanation justifying your financial need, must be submitted with this application. Include specific information regarding income and extenuating circumstances.
3. If the participant accepts the tuition grant, he/she must graduate from the Leadership El Paso program. Those failing to complete the program will be required to refund the tuition assistance money to the Leadership El Paso Alumni Association, or to the Chamber, depending on which organization provided the scholarship.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MAILED, DELIVERED OR FAXED TO:

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Date received: _____	Time Received: _____
Application complete: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Scholarship requested: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Amount approved: \$ _____