

LEADERSHIP

RENO - SPARKS

A Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce Program

Thank you for your interest in the Leadership Reno Sparks (LRS) program. Each year we value the opportunity to fulfill our mission of connecting and developing future leaders like you. Through this comprehensive program designed to increase knowledge and awareness of issues and challenges facing our community, you can educate and better prepare yourself to be a stronger leader.

CRITERIA

Leadership Reno Sparks seeks individuals who have:

- A commitment to the time and energy necessary to complete the program by attending the mandatory overnight retreat and all sessions, with the full support of his or her employer
- A sincere concern about the future of our community and a personal desire to help shape that future
- A demonstrated capacity for leadership through significant achievements or drive to become a better leader
- A personal and professional commitment to remain active in the community for at least three years
- From date of application deadline, must be a minimum of 25 years of age

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Completed applications are the sole criteria used when selecting class participants. Your application is an opportunity to describe your leadership abilities, so please answer all questions completely.

- Please do not attach additional pages to your application.
- Remember to have your application signed by you and your employer before submission.
- Applications must be completed by computer or typewriter; please, no handwritten applications. This application is formatted for you to input your answers directly into the gray blocks located in the document and will automatically add spacing as needed.
- **A \$500 refundable tuition deposit must accompany the application.** We accept check, MasterCard or Visa. Please make checks payable to the Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce Education Fund.

We encourage you to seek assistance in completing this application. If you do not have a Leadership Reno Sparks Alumni to help you with the application process please contact the Leadership Reno Sparks at 775-337-3030 or LeadershipRenoSparks@renosparkschamber.org and we will be happy to provide someone to advise you.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The completed application and deposit must be submitted to the Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce office by **Monday, November 15, 2010**. You may submit your application electronically by emailing it to the Leadership Reno Sparks at LeadershipRenoSparks@renosparkschamber.org. You may also fax applications to the Leadership's Reno Sparks Program attention at 775-337-3038, or hand deliver applications to: Leadership Reno Sparks, Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce, One East First St., 16th Floor, Reno, NV 89501. Applications can also be mailed to: P.O. Box 3499, Reno, NV 89505.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarships and deferred payments are available on a case-by-case and as needed basis. We do not want any applicant's inability to pay the program fee to be a barrier to his or her participation.

BIOGRAPHY – SECTION 1

Name: Home Address:
Position/Title: City: Zip:
Employer Name: Home Telephone:
Employer Address: Email Address:
City: Zip: Length of residence in local area:
Employer Telephone: Do you anticipate being a resident in the local area:
Fax: Cell: < 5 years 5-10 years 10 years or more
Name of Immediate Supervisor:
Supervisor's Address:
How did you learn of the Leadership Reno Sparks program?
Referred by:
Are you or your company a member of the Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce? Yes No

Age Gender Race/Ethnicity (Optional)
 25-35 Male African American Asian
 36-45 Female Caucasian Native American
 46-55 Hispanic Other
 56+

Preferred name/Badge name:

Do you require handicapped access or special accommodation? If yes, please describe.

Please list any dietary restrictions:

Do you need a scholarship? Yes No
If yes, briefly state need for scholarship.

EDUCATION/PROFESSIONAL HISTORY – SECTION 2

Please list your educational background:

<u>Name of School</u>	<u>City/State</u>	<u>From-To</u>	<u>Certification/Degree Major</u>
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Please identify any additional specified fields of study or minors, professional institutions or training programs you have completed:

List your most recent professional history by listing **only** the last three **or** past 10 years of employment history:

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Title or Responsibility</u>	<u>From-To</u>
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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS – SECTION 3

Please list the community, civic, professional, business, social, athletic and/or any other organizations for which you volunteer or have been a member.

Organization

Dates of Membership

Position

Responsibility

Please describe your most significant community, business or personal accomplishment?

Why do you want to become more involved in this community? (Please limit your response to 100 words)

Compared with your present commitment(s), do you see future community activities involving (please check one):

About the same amount of time

A moderate increase in time

A substantially greater portion of time

LEADERSHIP QUESTIONS – SECTION 4

In your opinion, what is the role of a leader?

What leadership roles have you held professionally and/or personally?

What leadership skills do you currently have - and what additional skills would you expect to add or strengthen through this program? (Please limit your response to 300 words)

What other expectations do you have for being involved in this program? (Please limit your response to 100 words)

In your opinion, please list three significant issues or major challenges facing the Reno Sparks area currently or in the future, and describe how you might address these concerns as a leader. (Please limit your response to 100 words per answer)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM/STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

TUITION

Tuition for each participant in the Leadership Reno Sparks program is \$2,100 for non-RSCC members and \$1,750 for members. Please indicate below how you will pay your tuition.

% Employer

% Personal

% Other

Your tuition covers all program costs including materials, meals, transportation, room and board at the overnight retreat and the graduation event. The \$500 deposit accompanying this application will be applied toward your tuition upon acceptance, unless you are applying for a scholarship. The deposit is refundable if you are not selected to participate. Your tuition must be paid in full by January 19, 2011.

If you chose to pay your refundable \$500 with your credit card, please include your information below.

Cardholder's Name:

Credit Card Type: MasterCard Visa

Card Number:

Expiration Date:

Security Code:

Billing Address:

ATTENDANCE

The Leadership Reno Sparks program consists of nine sessions including a **mandatory** two-day overnight retreat and eight workshops, a mandatory law enforcement ride-along or dispatch assignment, and a reception/graduation event. In order for you to get the most out of this program, it is essential that you are able to attend and participate in **all** sessions, the class project and one Saturday "Adopt-A-Spot" cleanup, as well as fulfill pre-workshop assignments when applicable. Successful graduation of the Leadership Reno Sparks program is dependent upon your attendance.

In the case a session is missed, or a portion thereof, an extensive make-up assignment must be completed and submitted by the deadline date in order for you to graduate. All workshops are usually on the second Wednesday of each month (February through September), from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and include meals, group exercises and tours. The overnight retreat is scheduled for January 20-21, 2011.

RELEASE

I authorize the release of any participant/personal property photographs or video taken only for commemorating and promoting the Leadership Reno Sparks program.

I understand the goals and commitment of the Leadership Reno Sparks program. If selected, I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the program. If I withdraw, or am required to withdraw from the program, my deposit or tuition will not be refunded after January 14, 2011.

My and my employer's signature below indicates my commitment to, and understanding of, the attendance policy and tuition requirements of the Leadership Reno Sparks program.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Employer

Date

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