

**LEADERSHIP RUTHERFORD APPLICATION FORM: CLASS OF 2009-2010**

**Application Deadline is May 29, 2009.**

Please review the accompanying INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS document, especially the section entitled APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS, BEFORE filling out this form

{ } I am applying for a scholarship. My scholarship application is attached.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred to be called: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First name or nickname)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Rutherford County native? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If no, how many years have you lived in Rutherford County? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you choose to live in Rutherford County? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Leadership Rutherford program? \_\_\_\_\_

Is anyone sponsoring you to attend Leadership Rutherford? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, please provide sponsor's name and address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment Data**

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mark area(s) of significant experience:**

- [ ] Financial [ ] Real Estate [ ] Community Affairs
- [ ] Management [ ] Legal [ ] Healthcare Affairs
- [ ] Public Relations [ ] Fund Raising [ ] Planning
- [ ] Banking [ ] Education [ ] Leadership
- [ ] Public Office [ ] Volunteer Work [ ] Labor
- [ ] Arts / Culture [ ] Religion [ ] Utilities
- [ ] Community Development [ ] Technology [ ] Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment History:** List your last three positions of employment (in reverse chronological order) giving the employer's name and title and the dates of employments (from/to)

**Employer Title Dates (from/to)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other relevant employment information (**OPTIONAL**):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Fields of interests, hobbies, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Community Involvement

A. In order of importance to you, list two (2) community organizations (civic, business, religious, social, community, arts, athletics, etc.) in which you demonstrate an active leadership role beyond your employment affiliations and activities. If you have not been active in the community, see section C below.

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Role, responsibilities and accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

B. Circle the three (3) areas that best describe your community leadership activities and interests. Arts & Humanities, Education, Mental Health, Senior Citizen Issues, Law, Health Care, Philanthropy, Volunteerism, Disabilities, Homelessness, Public Safety, Youth Issues, Diversity / Inclusion, Housing, Recreation, Economic Development, Legal Aid, Religion, Other(2): \_\_\_\_\_

C. If you have not been active in the community, please describe the factors that kept you from being involved. Has anything changed that will enable you to participate more fully in your community? Please use a separate sheet of paper to respond.

### Essay Questions

**On a separate sheet of paper, please answer two of the following four essay questions, as follows:**

! Answer question A,

! Select and answer one question from among questions B, C, D, and E

! Typical answers might be around 250 words in length.

A. What are the three most significant problems facing Rutherford County?

B. Select one of the issues above and describe how this challenge can be overcome.

C. What do you hope to gain from your participation in Leadership Rutherford?

D. How would your selection to Leadership Rutherford enrich our organization and the region?

E: What unique qualifications can you offer as a potential leader and candidate for selection as a Leadership Rutherford student?

### Recommendation Letter

One letter of recommendation should be provided. Do not send more than one. Please attach the letter to your application. The letter should cite specific examples of your community leadership and involvement, and should reference only those community organizations in your application. If you are not involved in community service at this point, the letter should reflect your potential for service.

**Commitments**

Please be sure that you have reviewed the APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS section of the INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS document before signing this commitment.

**Applicant**

I have reviewed and understand the Leadership Rutherford program requirements provided with this application packet. If selected, I agree to the terms and conditions as stated. I understand that, if selected, I am obligated to pay my full tuition by 5 p.m. on Friday, August 21, 2009. I have reviewed the program schedule and the attendance policy, and commit to attending all programs and sessions, as scheduled. I understand the penalties for non-attendance.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorizing Official**

(If the applicant is employed, this section must be completed and signed by his or her direct supervisor at the firm where he or she is employed. Only self employed or unemployed applicants may sign this section for themselves.)

This candidate has my full support to participate in Leadership Rutherford. I am aware of the time commitment involved and of the financial obligation.

Optional additional employer comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECKLIST:** (Check off items as you complete them.)

Have you ...

- \_\_\_ **Checked the box** indicating that a scholarship application is attached (if applicable)?
- \_\_\_ Filled out your application **FULLY?** (See APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS above)
- \_\_\_ Completed and attached **TWO (2) essay questions?**
- \_\_\_ **Signed and dated** your application?
- \_\_\_ Obtained your **employer’s signature** (if applicable)?
- \_\_\_ Attached **ONE (1) letter of recommendation?**
- \_\_\_ Filled out and attached your **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION** form (if applicable)?

**You must deliver your completed application by one of the following means before 5:00 pm on May 29, 2009.** Email to [jrbpub@thedigitalcourier.com](mailto:jrbpub@thedigitalcourier.com), fax to 828-248-2790, US mail to Leadership Rutherford, PO Box 794, Forest City, NC 28043 or hand deliver to The Daily Courier, 601 Oak Street, Forest City.

- NOTE 1: No other attachments, including resumes, will be accepted, unless specifically requested.
- NOTE 2: If significant change occurs that materially affects your ability to participate in the program if selected (i.e. change of employment status or residency), please notify Leadership Rutherford immediately.
- NOTE 3: **Be Sure to re-visit the APPLICATION PROCESS AND DIRECTIONS document BEFORE YOUR INTERVIEW.**