



OzarkLeads

Class 5
2020- 2021

Project Partners

City of Ozark
Ozark R-VI School District
Ozark Chamber of Commerce

Introduction

OzarkLeads is an 8-month learning experience designed to develop community leaders who are committed to improving the quality of life in Ozark. The program will give participants a greater understanding of the Ozark community – how it lives, works, and plays.

Why attend?

- Gain knowledge and value as a community leader, volunteer, official or citizen
- Grow a strong community network
- Participate in a community-focused project
- Discover how local government serves its people
- Engage in community development discussions

Your interest in this program is appreciated. The **OzarkLeads** committee is looking forward to reviewing your application for our class.

Instructions

Thank you for applying to **OzarkLeads**. For consideration we ask you to submit the following:

- Complete the questions and add additional pages as necessary. Please label each additional page with the question you are answering.
- Applications must be received by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Monday, August 10, 2020**.
- Please note that applications must be signed by both the applicant and their employer.

Considerations

Each **OzarkLeads** class is selected to achieve balance in terms of professional backgrounds, leadership experience, time in the Ozark community, industry, and more. Classes are representative of our community and include participants who represent large and small businesses, self-employed individuals, nonprofits, and community volunteers.

Ideal Candidates:

- Must be 21 years or older and live or work in the Ozark community

- Demonstrate commitment to personal and professional growth
- Demonstrate commitment and motivation to serve the community by assuming leadership roles in our community
- Demonstrate commitment to improving the community environment so as to favorably impact the economic development and quality of life

Based on the competitive nature of the program, applying to **OzarkLeads** can be a multi-year process. A limited number of applicants are selected for each class. Therefore, if your application is not accepted this program year, we encourage you to re-apply.

Tuition

TUITION: In addition to time and dedication, **OzarkLeads** requires a financial commitment. **OzarkLeads tuition is \$399 and is due by August 31, 2020.** Tuition covers program costs including: facilitator fees, materials, and meals provided during each program day, as well as **OzarkLeads** amenities and transportation during selected sessions.

DROPS: If a participant drops from the class before Aug. 31, a refund will be provided less a \$150 administrative fee if an alternate is found. There will be no refunds after Sept. 1, 2020.

SCHOLARSHIP: A limited number of full and/or partial scholarships are available on an as-needed basis and can be requested by submitting a brief description of the scholarship need along with the application. The form to request a scholarship can be found on the last page of the application. A request for scholarship assistance is not considered by the selection committee when making decisions.

Participant Responsibilities

OzarkLeads provides its participants with the opportunity to engage in an exciting year of personal, professional and community exploration, but the program does require a time commitment.

The program begins in September and runs through April. Classes meet the second Wednesday of each month from 8:45 am to 3pm. Times for project and/or extracurricular activities are planned into “program days;” however, additional time may be necessary. We ask participants to fully invest their time each class day. Any absences will be detrimental to the group. **Absences of more than six (6) hours, or one program day, may result in dismissal from the program.**

Following the completion of the program, participants are expected to stay involved in the community, continually enhance their leadership experience, and help strengthen the program for the future.

Program Goals

The primary goal of **OzarkLeads** is to inspire commitment and involvement within our community by expanding awareness of:

- Ozark Economic Development
- Strategic Planning and Decision Making
- Professional Development and Communication
- Building Relationships and Problem Solving

Through exploring the impact of:

- Ozark History
- Education
- Crime, Poverty, and Public Safety
- Local Government
- Economic Development
- Culture & Quality of Life

Code of Conduct

Expectations from leaders are always high. Our code of conduct is for the benefit of participants, speakers, and the community.

Participants should seek to:

- Participate in an authentic and active way that is non-adversarial and non-partisan
- Provide all participants with an equal opportunity to express their views within the law and respect diversity of opinion
- Exercise consideration and respect in your speech and actions
- Seek common ground on issues

Participants should avoid:

- Language and/or behaviors that are intimidating, harassing, abusive, discriminatory, or demeaning
- Sustained disruption of planned programming
- Inappropriate physical contact
- Personal insults of any kind
- Posting threatening or personal information about other people on social media

Violations of our code of conduct could lead to dismissal from the program and possibly legal actions.

ATTIRE: An OzarkLeads polo shirt will be provided to you to be worn on program days.

Business casual dress is expected unless otherwise indicated.

Applicant Information

Name:	Date:
Home Address:	Phone:
Company or Organization:	
Business Address:	Bus. Phone:
Work Email:	Fax #:
Nature of the business/organization:	
Title:	Yrs. In Position:
Years lived/worked in Ozark :	
Have you previously attended a community Leadership/Development program?	No Yes
Are you planning to be a long term resident of the Ozark area?	No Yes

Employer Classification:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture/Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City/County/State Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer/Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Trade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Banking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Media/Advertising | <input type="checkbox"/> Non Profit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate/Property Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Organization | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant/Hospitality | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retail Sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer |
- Other: _____

Job/Profession* Classification (*If different than Employer Classification)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture/Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City/County/State Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer/Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Trade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Banking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Media/Advertising | <input type="checkbox"/> Non Profit |
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- Other: _____

How did you hear about OzarkLeads?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend | <input type="checkbox"/> Colleague |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employer | <input type="checkbox"/> Chamber Newsletter / Website |
- Other: _____

Optional: We wish to achieve balance and diversity in the class. It would be helpful if you would supply the following information.

Date of Birth: _____ Race: _____ Sex: _____

EDUCATION - Begin with college and include business or trade school(s) and/or other specialized training.

Name & Location of School	From - To	Degree/License	Major/Training

EMPLOYMENT

From - To	Name and Location of Employer	Position

HONORS/AWARDS/ACHIEVEMENTS

Award	Organization Presenting Award	Date

ORGANIZATIONS/ACTIVITIES - Please list membership in community, civic, business, professional, religious and social organizations that have been of significance to you with an emphasis on activities in the last 5 years.

Organization	From - To	Positions Held/Responsibilities

with the Selection Committee.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

We must have the signature of both applicant and employer.

A copy may be emailed to anna@ozarkchamber.com or mailed to **OzarkLeads, Ozark Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 1450, Ozark Mo. 65721**

Employer Commitment

Please note: If you are self employed or unemployed, this section is unnecessary.

We wish to submit the candidate listed above for participation in the **OzarkLeads** program. If our candidate is selected to participate, we agree to pay the \$399 tuition fee no later than August 31, 2020. It is also our understanding that, if accepted, our candidate will be in attendance for eight full days, approximately once a month from September to April (8:45 am to 3:00 pm) and that if they miss more than six hours of the program days, they may be dropped from **OzarkLeads**. No portion of their tuition will be refunded.

____ Exempt ____ Employer paying all tuition ____ Employer paying some tuition

Company or
Organization _____

Address _____

Signature _____

Name (please print)

Position/Title _____

Submit Application

Please submit the completed application by August 10, 2020.

Please Email or Mail to:

anna@ozarkchamber.com

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Ozark Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1450
Ozark Mo. 65721

Scholarship Request

OzarkLeads has a limited number of partial and full scholarships available. If you would like to request a scholarship, please complete the information below. Scholarships will be awarded based on need demonstrated, and may be awarded after the class is selected.

Scholarship Amount Requested

Full (100%)

Half (50%)

Other (Specify Amount: _____)

Please provide a statement of your scholarship need and how a scholarship award would impact your ability to participate in **OzarkLeads**.