

## ***2008-09 Leadership Forsyth Class Candidate Information Form (CIF)***

### **Developing Community Leaders**

Broadening the leadership base of our community requires ongoing leadership development programs to prepare new leaders and to strengthen existing ones. The **Leadership Forsyth (LF) Program** enables Forsyth County citizens to realize their full leadership potential and recognize their responsibility as community, youth and organizational leaders. It prepares them to identify, address, and meet current and future challenges.

If you are interested in applying, please complete the following application process described below:

**Name:**

**Company**

**Position/Title:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

1. Fill out the **CIF** completely and return to **LF** no later than **March 10, 2008**. You may either return this form by fax to 770-781-4788, email to [clai6421@bellsouth.net](mailto:clai6421@bellsouth.net) or mail to: Leadership Forsyth, P.O. Box 2003, Cumming, GA 30028.

2. Candidates are **required** to attend a **LF Informational Session** so please indicate which **ONE** of the following sessions would accommodate your schedule:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Monday, March 10, 2008**, 12:00-1:00 pm

(Lunch provided) Northside Hospital Forsyth

\_\_\_\_\_ **Wednesday, March 19, 2008**, 9:00-10:00 am

Cumming-Forsyth County Chamber Facility

\_\_\_\_\_ **Tuesday, March 25, 2008**, 4:00-5:00 pm

Tam's Backstage (upstairs) 101 School St.

3. At the **LF Informational Sessions**, candidates will receive an application packet along with detailed information and instructions. **All LF Applications and the \$25.00 non-refundable application fee must be received no later than April 30, 2008.** The non-refundable application fee is not a guarantee of acceptance into the program.

4. Applicants will be scheduled for a personal interview with members of the **LF Selection Process Committee** during the week of **May 12-15, 2008**.

5. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance prior to **June 15<sup>th</sup>**.

*This information will only be used for consideration of your application and will not be retained or released other than for the use of this process. All fields must be completed for consideration.*

Thank you for your interest in the **LF Program** and we look forward to your participation. If you have any questions, please contact our Administrator, Vicky Clair, call 770-887-6421 or email to [clai6421@bellsouth.net](mailto:clai6421@bellsouth.net).

## **Leadership Forsyth Class Program**

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## **1989-2008**

**The Mission of LF is to strengthen our community by enhancing individual and collective leadership potential.**

**The Vision of LF is to educate, develop and inspire diverse individuals to actively participate in the betterment of our community.**

## What Is Leadership Forsyth?

The **LF Program** is one of many leadership organizations established throughout Georgia and the United States. The educational program encourages and fosters the development of community leaders and volunteers by using a formal study program along with ongoing leadership development for their alumni.

The purpose of the program is to create a network of emerging leaders through an educational experience that increases the participants' knowledge of community institutions.

The **Mission of the Program** is to broaden the volunteer leadership base, identify and train future leaders, and promote a network of informed, motivated community leaders. By participating in a **LF** class, future leaders are enabled to become involved in community life and better prepared to lead Forsyth County to a better future. **LF** does not attempt to create a consensus of opinion or to promote any specific issues. Every community needs to build its leadership base by preparing new leaders.

## How Much Time Will Be Required?

This program consists of an evening orientation, a two-day retreat, 9 one-day sessions September thru May, class project group sessions and a graduation. Meetings, activities and a class project are distributed over a 10-month period beginning in August. Each participant must make a commitment to attend all events and sessions. A strict Attendance Policy is enforced.

## Who Participates In Leadership Forsyth?

As part of the program's objectives, participants will explore, examine, and discuss issues related to the Forsyth County community. Each class limits participants from common industries in order to establish a diversified group in terms of race, sex, and occupation.

Class members will undergo leadership training and will interact with each other, **LF** alumni and community leaders in team building presentations. The monthly classes are designed to expose class members to various aspects of the community. Below are listed monthly themes that are included in the 10-month **LF** curriculum:

<b>New Class Orientation</b>	<b>State Legislature</b>
<b>Weekend Opening Retreat</b>	<b>Local Government</b>
<b>History of Forsyth County</b>	<b>Public Services</b>
<b>Education/Schools</b>	<b>Environment</b>
<b>Non-Profit Organizations</b>	<b>Class Project</b>
<b>Business &amp; Leadership</b>	<b>Graduation</b>

## What Is The Cost?

Participants are charged tuition to defray the cost of orientation, guest speakers, transportation, meals, retreat and graduation expenses along with administrative costs. **Cost for the entire 10-month 2008-09 LF Class Program is \$1200.00 plus a \$25.00 non-refundable application fee.**

Each participant is responsible for paying his/her own tuition or for making arrangements for tuition to be paid by his/her employer or sponsoring organization. If needed, however, the applicant may request special financial arrangements.

## What Happens After Graduation?

**LF** is a membership organization dependent on its members who have completed the program to participate in the planning and implementation of future programs. It is expected that after your program year, graduates become active dues paying members with an ongoing commitment to the development of new leadership in Forsyth County.

In order to ensure the alumni's participation and the future growth and development of community leaders, we must keep the alumni active, educated and involved. Graduates are encouraged to take their increased knowledge and awareness of Forsyth County's institutions and familiarity with its leaders into their world and involve themselves in all areas of community life.

In the past, classes have historically completed a community service project prior to graduation. In line with **LF's** mission, this spirit of service continues far beyond graduation with over 70% of our alumni actively involved in local community and civic organizations.

**LF** also implements The Youth Leadership Forsyth Program (YLF) which is a community-wide leadership program for high school juniors. This program, established in 2000, has graduated more than 300 students. The program is designed to develop leadership potential and to acquaint students with community needs, problems and resources through interaction with community leaders and decision makers.

