



Leadership Bay Applicant,

We appreciate your interest in Leadership Bay and know that you will truly benefit from the program, the curriculum and class experiences, including the community relationships that you will begin or solidify this year, should you be selected.

- Please read the application* thoroughly, follow instructions **closely** and review the program commitment agreement.
- Provide **two letters of recommendation**. Do not email or fax letters of recommendation.
- Completed and signed applications can be emailed, mailed or dropped off, along with your two letters of recommendation, signed program commitment agreement and the \$10.00 application fee.
- Deadline for the return of the application is Friday, August 7, 2020 by 4 p.m.
- Applicants will be notified by August 31, 2020.

The Leadership Bay orientation luncheon will be held on Wednesday, September 15th at 11:30. This meeting will be the first opportunity to meet your fellow classmates and the steering committee. You will also receive your nametag, notebooks, procedures, etc. **Attendance is mandatory for the Orientation, Retreat and First Friday in June.**

Tuition for each participant is \$895.00. Payment is due within 10 days of acceptance in to the program. If tuition is not received by this date, you may be dropped from the class.

Should you have any questions concerning Leadership Bay, please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Smith, Bay County Chamber at 785-5206. Send all correspondence to:

*Leadership Bay Steering Committee
Bay County Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 1850
Panama City, FL 32402*

The class size is limited. In the case of non-selection, you are encouraged to re-apply next year.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Holly Pituch, 2020-2021 Chairman
Leadership Bay Steering Committee

*Applications can be found by clicking here: <https://forms.gle/wm3gZQyPMaPAaACG9>



Program Commitment for Class of 2020-2021

The mission of Leadership Bay is to cultivate a broadened network of well-informed leaders whose strengthened commitment to community involvement will affect positive change in Bay County. An applicant’s willingness to invest the time required for active participation in the program is an absolute prerequisite to selection. The signed Program Commitment must be uploaded to the application.

- Attendance is required at the following events and sessions (subject to the make-up policy) for graduation from Leadership Bay. The typical sessions run from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Dates and session topics subject to change.)
- Participants are required to attend one county commission meeting before January 2021.
- Participants must join a Bay County Chamber committee or task force (your choice), if you are not already on a committee. This requirement will need to be fulfilled by January 2021.

*Class Orientation September 15, 2020	Tyndall Air Force Base December 16, 2020	State Government March 24, 2021
*First Friday Introduction & 2 Day Overnight Retreat October 2-3, 2020	Community Needs January 6, 2021	Naval Support Activity April 7, 2021
Chamber/EDA & Leadership Skill Building October 14, 2020	Communications/Media January 20, 2021	Culture/Tourism April 21, 2021
Law Enforcement/ Legal Session October 28, 2020	Healthcare February 3, 2021	Ecology May 5, 2021
Industry November 18, 2020	Education February 17, 2021	*Graduation May 17, 2021
Local Government December 2, 2020	Infrastructure/ Transportation March 3, 2021	*First Friday Presentation June 4, 2021

Attendance Policy: To graduate from Leadership Bay, class members are required to attend all of the sessions. The Orientation luncheon, First Friday, the two (2) day retreat and the First Friday Project Presentation are mandatory. Class members missing two sessions must utilize the make-up policy. It is up to the participant to coordinate this and to have it completed prior to graduation. If a third session is missed, the class member will be immediately dismissed from the program and no refund of tuition.

(*Attendance is mandatory)

I understand the above commitment required of all selected participants of the Leadership Bay Program. If selected, I agree to devote the required time and energy to meet this commitment.

Name: (Please Print) _____ Signature: _____

Supervisor signature: _____ Date: _____