



Leadership Bay Applicant,

We appreciate your interest in our acclaimed Leadership Bay program. Should you be selected in the program, we are confident you will reap great benefits from the curriculum and class experiences and the numerous community relationships you will be exposed to.

- 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.
- Complete and signed applications must be submitted through the website. The signed program commitment and letters of recommendation must be attached to the application.
- The \$25.00 application fee will need to be paid by cash, check, or credit card to process your application. In order to pay the application fee, please contact Chamber staff.
- Deadline for application submission is **Friday, August 2, 2024, by 4 p.m.**
- Applicants will be notified by **August 30, 2024**.

The Leadership Bay orientation will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2024. This meeting will be the first opportunity to meet your classmates and the steering committee. You will also receive your nametag, notebooks, procedures, etc. **Attendance is mandatory for the Orientation on September 13, 2-Day – Retreat on October 3-4, and First Friday on June 6.**

Tuition is \$1250.00 for Chamber members, and for future members, \$1625.00. Payment is due within 10 days of acceptance into 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 (850) 785-5206 or elizabeth@baychamberfl.com

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,

Steve Bailey, 2024-2025 Chairman
Leadership Bay Steering Committee

*Applications can be found by clicking here: <https://forms.gle/6EDHWsiYzmFLZM639>



Program Commitment for the Class of 2024-2025

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 are subject to change.)
- Participants are required to attend one county commission meeting before January 2025.
- Participants are required to join a Bay County Chamber committee or task force (your choice) if are not already serving. This requirement must be fulfilled by January 2025.
- In addition, besides attending the sessions below, participants must take an active role in the class project. This will require time commitment outside of scheduled sessions. Completion of the class project is mandatory for graduation.

*Class Orientation September 13	Industry November 13	Culture/Tourism February 5	Healthcare April 23
*First Friday Introduction & 2 Day Retreat October 3-4	Local Government December 4 Tyndall AFB December 18	Communications/ Media February 19	Ecology May 7
Chamber/EDA & Leadership Skill Building October 16	Naval Support Activity January 8	Infrastructure/ Transportation March 5	*Graduation May 12
Law Enforcement/ Legal Session October 30	Education January 22	State Government March 26	*First Friday Presentation June 6
		Community Needs April 9	

Attendance Policy: Class members must attend all sessions to graduate from Leadership Bay. The Orientation, October First Friday, the two (2) day retreat, Graduation, and the June First Friday Project Presentation are mandatory attendance. After three absences, you will be dismissed from the class.

(*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: _____