

Selection Process

Applicants may be self-sponsored and self-nominated. In addition, community members may nominate individuals with leadership qualities for the Leadership Hilton Head Island-Bluffton annual program.

Criteria for selection includes:

- Evidence of leadership abilities.
- Interest in community affairs.
- Potential to provide leadership to the Hilton Head Island/Bluffton area.
- Commitment to become more involved in the community.
- Desire to expand volunteer involvement

Basic criteria for applicants includes:

- Residency or employment in Southern Beaufort County or Jasper County for at least one year prior to September 1.
- Evidence of current and/or previous commitment to community service.
- Interest in volunteer or public office leadership roles.
- Potential for service within one's own organization.

Applications are available at the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce located at 1 Chamber Drive on Hilton Head Island and at the chamber's Bluffton Office in the Liberty Savings Bank Building in Belfair Towne Center. Applications are also available online at www.hiltonheadisland.org/leadership.

For additional information call (843) 341-8369.



LEADERSHIP
HILTON HEAD ISLAND-BLUFFTON

*“Transforming the
Lowcountry by creating
community leaders from
community members.”*



**HILTON HEAD ISLAND-BLUFFTON
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Leadership Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Overview

The chamber began its Leadership program in 1985. It was designed to cultivate leadership resources within the community by giving participants the opportunity to study and experience the Hilton Head Island/Bluffton communities and the area's history, government, economy, human services and culture.

"The Leadership program not only benefits participants, but the community as well. Graduates enhance their leadership skills and have a positive impact on our community."

-Bill Miles
Chamber President & CEO
Class of 1993

The program curriculum provides broad-based leadership perspectives to familiarize participants with the area's challenges, opportunities and resources.

It also includes a class initiated community project, which explores current needs and issues first-hand. The class members will also participate in civic and community activities.

Leadership Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Objectives

- *Develop, inform, train and enhance committed potential leaders to understand the issues and needs of our greater community.*
- *Create an environment, which nurtures participant involvement in the greater community through volunteerism, service organizations, board appointments and elected offices.*
- *Create the opportunity for potential leaders to meet, establish rapport and maintain ongoing professional relationships.*

Attendance & Financial Requirements

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The program runs from August through May with one class each month, including an overnight weekend retreat and a mid-week overnight trip to Columbia, SC.

The August orientation, the September retreat and the May trusteeship class are mandatory. Participants can miss no more than two of the other seven classes to graduate the program.

Planned Classes

August-Orientation
September-Retreat
October-Education
November-Regionalism & Diversity
December-Town Government
January-County Government
February-Business & Economic Development
March-State Government
April-Arts & Environment
May-Trusteeship
June-Graduation

Tuition

Current tuition is \$950 and covers all expenses for the program.

It may be paid by the individual, or by a sponsoring business or organization. Each class member must invest at least 10% (\$95) of his or her own money into the tuition payment.

A very limited number of partial and 90% scholarships can be applied for and are available on an as-needed basis.