

# LEADERSHIP AIKEN COUNTY



2011 – 2012  
Application



## LEADERSHIP AIKEN COUNTY

... a learning experience designed to develop leadership in Aiken County through involvement.

### Program Purpose

Leadership Aiken County is a comprehensive program designed to identify, develop, and motivate new leadership for the Aiken County community. Program objectives are accomplished through a competitive selection process, intensive team-building activities, and exposure to local issues, regional resources and various County leaders. Participants learn more about the critical issues of the community than many lifelong residents.

Leadership graduates join a growing network of program alumni who have the knowledge and the opportunity to become valued participants in the community and in the governmental activities that will determine the future of Aiken County.

### Program Format

Beginning with a **mandatory** three-day overnight retreat at Camp Gravatt (October 2-4, 2011), the class develops an esprit-de-corps which will provide a common ground for working together on present and future community needs. They also take an active role in developing the program of activities for the months to follow, including five mandatory assignments, class project and committee participation.

For nine months, the group meets for day-long (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) sessions each month to explore issues, problems, and opportunities facing Aiken County today and in the future.

2011-2012 Monthly Session Tentative Schedule:	October 18	History/Horse Industry
	November 15	Cultural Awareness/Diversity
	December 13	Human Services
	January 10	Economic Development/Industry
	February 14	Health Care
	March 20	Government
	April 17	Education
	May 15	Law Enforcement
	June 19	Sustaining Quality of Life

NOTE: Given the importance of attendance, a strict policy will be adhered to for the monthly sessions. **ADDITIONALLY, attendance at the ENTIRE retreat is REQUIRED!**

### Participant Selection

Applicants are usually sponsored by current leaders in business, industry, the professions, or government; self-employed individuals are also encouraged to apply. Candidates should be residents of Aiken County and/or employed in Aiken County, possess an interest in the community and possess a desire to use the knowledge gained from this program to improve Aiken County. The class size is limited, and notice of acceptance will be mailed in late August 2011.

### Program Cost

Tuition for Leadership Aiken County is \$600. Tuition covers lodging and meals at the retreat, meals for monthly meetings, training materials, some travel expenses, awards, and all administrative costs associated with the program. Limited scholarships (up to 50% of the tuition) are available. Individuals desiring scholarship assistance should submit a letter stating the reasons for scholarship consideration with the application.

### Program Sponsorship

Leadership Aiken County is an independent South Carolina Nonprofit corporation receiving program sponsorship and coordination from the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce, the North Augusta Chamber of Commerce, and the Midland Valley Chamber of Commerce through representation on the Leadership Aiken County Board of Directors. The Board has direct responsibility for organizing and running the program. The Leadership Aiken County program draws on volunteers from the community for its development and is coordinated each year by a volunteer selected from past participants.

**LEADERSHIP AIKEN COUNTY APPLICATION (2011-2012)**

**The Leadership Aiken County Board reserves the right to reject incomplete applications**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
for Nametag \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you applied to LAC in the past? \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes (Year \_\_\_\_\_) Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYMENT: (Please write legibly; No Resume or Attachments accepted)**

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Date Started \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date Assigned \_\_\_\_\_  
Bus. Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Work E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Job Responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Name & Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor's Address \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION:**

Location

Degree/Year

High School \_\_\_\_\_  
College \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING PREFERENCE:**

\_\_\_ Work

\_\_\_ Home

**ATTENDANCE POLICY AND APPROVALS:**

Each applicant and their supervisor are required to sign the following attendance policy: **No more than 2 of the 9 monthly sessions may be missed during the Leadership Aiken County Program. A sign-in sheet will be maintained for each session. If a participant arrives late, leaves early, or misses any portion of the day, it will be recorded as a missed session. Attendance at the entire retreat and participation in class committees and class project will be required. We have read and understand the above stated policy:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Supervisor Signature

We agree to sponsor this candidate, to provide the necessary participation time, and to pay the \$600 non-refundable tuition (due at the time of acceptance to the program.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name & Title of Authorized Signer (**Print**)

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Authorized Signature

For consideration in the 2011-2012 Leadership Aiken County Program, this completed application must be received no later than July 29, 2011 (incomplete applications will not be considered; please do not remit payment unless notified of acceptance.)

**Return To:** Leadership Aiken County  
c/o Bob Bigger  
P.O. Box 3686  
Aiken, SC 29802  
bob.bigger@firstcitizenonline.com

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Please answer the following questions. Use the space provided: do not add any extra pages. Be sure to answer all questions.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

In order of descending importance to you, please list community activities in which you have been involved. These activities can be charitable, religious, civic, business, or government. Describe your specific role and your contributions to the success of that activity.

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### GENERAL:

Write a paragraph describing why you are applying to Leadership Aiken County. What would you hope to gain from your participation? What talents and skills can you provide Aiken County?

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### FOCUS:

Aiken County leaders must take an active role in improving the County. What do you see as the most significant problem in Aiken County? What impact can YOU have to improve the County in this area?

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