



# Leadership Columbia-Greene Class of 2017

*“Discover Your Community, Discover Yourself”*

## Confidential Application

**OUR MISSION:** Leadership Columbia-Greene is a dynamic, community-based program designed to develop informed, action-oriented leaders to meet the future challenges of our area.

**CRITERIA:** For the 2016-17 program year, Leadership Columbia County will add a group of up to **24** diverse individuals to its alumni base. Leadership Columbia-Greene seeks individuals who:

- Demonstrate commitment and interest to serve Columbia County and/or Greene County
- Are motivated and interested in new learning, self discovery, learning about the community and team building, then using this experience to better serve their company and the community
- Are willing to commit the time and energy to be fully engaged in all Leadership Columbia-Greene Sessions
- Live or work in Columbia County or Greene County

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Your application consists of two parts - the written application and the brief interview. All applicants are reviewed on a competitive basis.

- Please print or type legibly. Please limit answers to space provided
- Application must be completed in full and must be signed by candidate and candidate’s employer
- Completed applications must be mailed or delivered to the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, 1 North Front Street, Hudson, NY 12534 by 5 pm on **Monday, August 1, 2016**
- Each applicant will be interviewed by the Leadership Columbia County Steering Committee. Interviews will be held in August 2016. All applicants will be notified by August 8, 2016

**PERSONAL INFORMATION OF CANDIDATE:**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred First Name/Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home email: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:**

Business/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business email: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Columbia County: \_\_\_\_\_

Send mail to:  Home  Business Preferred email:  Home  Business

How did you learn about Leadership Columbia County? \_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED):**

Briefly describe your current job responsibilities:

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What do you consider your most significant personal or professional achievement?

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**EDUCATION:**

List highest degree of education

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

Please list any civic, professional, or community organizations of which you are presently or have been involved with. Please note any leadership positions held.

Organization	Title/Responsibility	From	To

There are many important issues facing Columbia and Greene Counties today. What are two major issues that you personally are concerned about? Explain why these two issues are important to you.

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What significant strengths and skills would you bring as a member of Leadership Columbia-Greene?

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Why are you applying to this program?

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Upon graduation, Leadership Columbia-Greene participants are expected to take on leadership roles in their community. What would you like to work on to improve in Columbia or Greene County?

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**SESSIONS:**

**Opening Retreat:** Wednesday, September 14 from 8:30 am to 7:30 pm and Thursday, September 15 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. The sessions will be held at professional meeting rooms in Columbia and Greene Counties. The retreat will be facilitated by leadership consultant Katy Drake and Harriet Rifkin.

**Day Sessions:** Most Sessions will be held the third Thursday of each month, October 2016 to June 2017 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

- October 2016 - Agriculture & Tourism
- November 2016 - Site tours of Leading Columbia & Greene County Businesses
- December 2016 - Art, History and Creative Economy Panel
- January 2017- Health & Wellness; and Leadership Activities & Introduction to Public Speaking
- February 2017 - Government, Economic Development and Mock Planning Board Meeting
- March 2017 - Education & Public Speeches
- April 2017 - Community Awareness Day
- May 2017 - Hands on Community Project
- June 2017 - Advanced Leadership Training and Class Graduation

**REFERENCES:**

Please provide two professional references below. These individuals should have knowledge of your qualifications as a potential Leadership Columbia-Greene participant.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ACCEPTANCE & TUITION:

Notification of selection into the Leadership Columbia-Greene Class of 2016-17 will be made by August 2016. Upon acceptance into the Leadership Columbia County Program the tuition of \$950 must be paid in full to the Columbia County Chamber Foundation no later than September 5, 2016. **Tuition is Non-Refundable.**

A limited number of partial scholarships are available to individuals without a sponsoring organization. If you wish to apply for tuition assistance, please state the amount requested and attach a single sheet detailing your reason for the request.

## COMMITMENT:

Attendance at the entire two-day, opening retreat and Graduation Ceremony is **MANDATORY** for participation in the 2016-17 class. The two-day retreat will be in September 2016 and the graduation ceremony will be in June 2017.

Attendance at all nine full-day sessions (one Thursday a month from October to June) is **required**. For Participants who have more than two unexcused absence will not receive a certificate of completion from the program and your employer will be notified.

## SIGNATURES:

**CANDIDATE:** If selected as a Leadership Columbia-Greene Program participant, I am willing to commit the time necessary to be a contributing member of the class. I understand that I will attend the nine monthly sessions, two day retreat and graduation ceremony. I also commit to involving myself in the community upon graduation from the program, and allow my name to be given out to community service organizations seeking volunteers.

Candidate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYER:** I agree to allow my employee, if accepted, to commit the time necessary to be an active member of the Leadership Columbia-Greene class.

Employer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name, Title, Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYER/FINANCIAL SPONSOR:** Full tuition is \$950. I agree to pay for Leadership Columbia-Greene tuition for the above applicant if he or she is accepted. I understand that tuition is due by September 5, 2016 and is non-refundable.

Financial Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name, Title Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Send your completed application to: Leadership Columbia-Greene, 1 North Front Street, Hudson, NY 12534. **Deadline is August 1, 2016. Checks should be made out to Columbia County Chamber Foundation.**

***"Your job as a leader, first and foremost, is to take charge of your own energy, and then to help orchestrate the energy of those around you."***

***- Peter Drucker***