



Developing Leaders Today to Shape our Tomorrow

CLASS OF 2021 APPLICATION

APPLICATION FORM: Please complete each section of this fillable PDF fully. The application must be signed by both the applicant and the employer/sponsor (if applicable) and emailed to Program Manager Mary Heffernan Trester at mary@skagit.org or mailed to the address on the last page of the application. **IMPORTANT:** If you email it, make sure you save the file before emailing or it may come in blank. Résumés are not accepted in lieu of this application. If you have questions contact Mary at 206-419-4144.

TUITION AMOUNT: \$2,500 with a \$500 discount for non-profits, individuals and companies under 10 employees.

APPLICATION FEE: On the date of submitting your application, a \$50 non-refundable application fee paid by yourself or your business or organization is due to the EDASC.

TUITION PAYMENT: Tuition is payable within 30 days of receipt of invoice after acceptance into the program. **Tuition is non-refundable.** It is recommended that ten percent of the tuition be paid by the participant.

PAYMENT METHODS: Payment of your application fee and tuition can be made by check to EDASC at the address on this application or by credit card online at skagit.org.

TUITION ASSISTANCE/PAYMENT PLAN OPTION: Leadership Skagit has limited tuition assistance and payment plans available. Tuition payment plan forms and tuition assistance forms are available on request. Email Mary Heffernan Trester, Program Manager, at mary@skagit.org for the assistance and payment plan forms. Neither your request for tuition assistance nor payment plan options will impact the review of your application.

ACADEMIC CREDIT IN LEADERSHIP: Upon successful completion of the Leadership Skagit Program requirements and the Skagit Valley College registration form, each participant will be eligible for 17 academic credits in leadership at no additional cost.

TIME COMMITMENT: Class participants are expected to attend all program and team sessions and activities:

- “Beginning Your Journey” session - **September 11, 2020 1-7pm**
- 2-day “Exemplary Leadership” retreat* - **September 23-24, 2020**
- Full day sessions (7:30am to 5:00pm):

October 16, 2020	February 5, 2021
November 13, 2020	March 12, 2021
December 11, 2020	April 16, 2021
January 15, 2021	May 14, 2021
- 2-day “Challenge of Change” retreat - **May 26-27, 2021**
- Project Presentation Rehearsals - **June 3, 2021** (2 hrs.)
- Project Community Presentations - **June 8, 2021** (1/2 Day)
- Graduation Ceremony and Banquet - **June 9, 2021** (3 hrs.)
- Participate in all class and team projects and activities requiring time outside of class.

LEADERSHIP SKAGIT CLASS OF 2021

I PERSONAL DATA

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Mailing Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip Code)

Home E-mail _____ Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Your response to the following questions will help us understand the demographics of our application pool, however, you are not required to complete this section.

Leadership Skagit seeks a class that is reflective of the diversity of Skagit County. Your responses to the following will assist our program; however, your response is OPTIONAL. If appropriate, more than one box may be checked.

I consider myself to be:

Caucasian Black/African American Asian Native American Hispanic/Latino

Is there any other category of diversity with which you identify? _____

Gender: M F Other _____ Age: 21-25 26-35 36-45 46-55 56+

Length of residence or employment in Skagit County _____

Are you a Veteran? _____

Hobbies/Interests _____

II EDUCATION

Please list as applicable to you: high school/ college/training experience/degrees or certificates earned.

III EMPLOYMENT

Business/Organization _____

Title/Position _____

Business Mailing Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip Code)

Business Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Business E-mail address _____

Number of years you have worked for this organization or company _____

(If you have been with them < two years or if you are retired, where did you work before/ what position?)

IV COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

A. We would like to know more about you and your community and/or business involvement. Please share a bit with us about your activities, volunteerism and interests (family, work, community, social, sports etc.).

B. How many hours do you currently spend on volunteer work of any kind per month?
Number of Hours per month: _____

C. What do you want to accomplish as a community leader in the next five years?

D. What do you hope to gain from your experience with Leadership Skagit?

E. What do you hope to contribute to Leadership Skagit?

V YOUR THOUGHTS AND PERSPECTIVES

One of the goals of Leadership Skagit is to build a network of community leaders who enhance their communication, problem solving and critical thinking skills by sharing perspectives and working together. To get you thinking about Skagit County and leadership, please provide a brief response to these questions.

A. What do you believe are the three most significant opportunities for Skagit County?

B. What do you believe are the three most significant challenges facing Skagit County?

C. What suggestions do you have to address these challenges?

D. What do you believe is the most significant leadership quality necessary to bring about positive change within Skagit County?

PERSONAL COMMITMENT

TIME: Leadership Skagit participants are expected to attend all sessions. In addition, community project team participation is required, including regular meetings and work sessions outside of class days. Leadership Skagit will allow absence due to emergencies, illness or extraordinary circumstances and will consider each request in advance. The program will review the performance of all participants with more than 8-hours absence. Options, including being asked to withdraw from the class, may be enforced.

TUITION & FEES: Applications are to be submitted with a \$50 non-refundable application fee. Tuition is payable within 30 days of receipt of invoice after acceptance into the program. Tuition is non-refundable. Participants are recommended to pay a minimum of 10% of the tuition themselves. The participant is responsible to ensure that all tuition monies are paid by themselves and/or their sponsoring business or organization to EDASC (or a payment plan as approved) within 30 days of acceptance. Tuition payment plans and tuition assistance forms are available on request.

Check one: I am paying 0% of the tuition ___ . 10% of the tuition. ___ . 100% of the tuition ___ .

COMMITMENT: I understand the mission of Leadership Skagit and, if selected, I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete this program, including class time, out-of-class time, and tuition. I understand participation requires attending sessions and meetings throughout Skagit County. I understand attendance at all class sessions and team activities is required. As a courtesy to other participants and guest speakers, I will arrive prepared and on time for each session and will stay for the entire session. I understand that I may lose the opportunity to participate and may not graduate from the program because of non-participation in expected activities. Tuition will not be refunded. I agree to support and follow all ground rules as developed by the class and my team and all policies and requirements of the program.

I understand the above commitment and agree to be bound by it by signing this application.

Applicant's Name (Printed): _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

EMPLOYER/SPONSOR COMMITMENT

(If the participant is employed by someone other than him/herself, the employer is to complete this section.)
 This application has the approval of this organization/business and the applicant has our full support. We understand our financial commitment and that the applicant is required to attend all days of the program and will have additional team meetings and activities to attend to complete a community project.

We support the time and effort of the applicant necessary to successfully complete this program. Check one if applicable: We are paying 90% of the tuition We are paying 100% of the tuition

_____ Employer's Signature	_____ Title	_____ Date
_____ Organization/Business	_____ Phone	_____ Email

Mail this Application to:
Leadership Skagit
PO Box 40
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

OR

E-mail this Application to:
mary@skagit.org
Make payments online at skagit.org
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