



LEADERSHIP
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

2026 PROGRAM APPLICATION

**APPLICATION SUBMITTAL DEADLINE:
NOVEMBER 1, 2025**

**Indian River County Chamber of Commerce presents this program in cooperation with
Indian River County Leadership Foundation, a 501(c) 3 organization**

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM PROGRAM DETAILS AND APPLICATION

Basic criteria for achieving this selection are:

1. A sincere and demonstrated commitment to serve in the community:
2. Interest in seeking key leadership roles:
3. Advancement into top leadership positions within their own organizations which allows them to play a significant role in the community.
4. Agreement to commit the necessary time and effort to complete the program and participate in the following year's program development and implementation.

All applicants must be at least 21 years of age to participate in the program.

TUITION

The cost of the program is \$1,500 per participant for members of the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce, program sponsors and host. Non-member tuition is \$1,800. This is payable no later than January 6, 2026, and covers the cost of orientation, meals and beverages, materials, transportation, and graduation ceremony for the nine-month program. The tuition may be tax deductible as a business expense; consult your tax advisor.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT

The scheduled sessions fall on the 2nd Thursday of each month. To successfully complete the Indian River County Leadership Program your participation is required at all sessions.

INSTRUCTIONS (Important - read prior to completing application)

- Complete all areas of the application in the space provided. You can scan and email mail or drop off the completed application at the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce, located at 1216 21st Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960.
- All applications are subject to confidential evaluation.
- If not selected to participate in the 2026 Leadership Program, you are invited to resubmit an application at a future date.
- **Applications must be received by November 11, 2025. Selected applicants will be notified by December 2, 2025.**

2026 Session Dates

All sessions start promptly at 8:30 am unless otherwise noted

ORIENTATION	Dec 11, 2025
DAY 1	Jan 8, 2026
DAY 2	Feb 12, 2026
DAY 3	March 12, 2026
DAY 4	April 9, 2026
DAY 5	May 7, 2026
DAY 6	June 11, 2026
DAY 7	July 9, 2026
DAY 8	August 13, 2026
DAY 9	Sept 10, 2026

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
APPLICATION FORM
CLASS OF 2026**

Name: _____
 First Middle Last

Nickname _____

Years in Indian River County _____

Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Home Address _____
 Street City Zip

Business Name _____

Address _____
 Street City Zip

Email address _____

Preferred Means of Communication? _____ email _____ SMS text

Education- College(s), business, trade schools and/or other specialized training.
Name and City of school Dates (from-to) Degree Major

Special Honors or awards for community activities

Are you or your employer a member of the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce?
_____ Yes _____ No

Employment- account for all periods including military activity.

Present employer _____ Hire Date: _____

Present Title or responsibility _____ Since (date) _____

Supervisor's Name _____

Previous employment (list most recent first)

Employer	Title/responsibility	From	To
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

What do you consider your highest responsibility, skill or career achievement?

Organizations/activities – List, in order of importance to you, up to five community, civic, professional, business, religious, social, athletic and/or other organizations of which you participate or are active in.

Organization	Date of Membership	Position held
1 _____	_____	_____
2 _____	_____	_____
3 _____	_____	_____
4 _____	_____	_____
5 _____	_____	_____

How much time each month do you commit to the community, civic, professional, and other organizations and activities?

Have you been as active in community, civic, professional, and other organizations and activities as you would like? __Yes __No. If not, what have been major barriers to your being involved?

If you have previously not had time or interest to become actively involved, what conditions have changed in your life that now enable you to seek involvement in the community?

What do you hope to gain from your Indian River County Leadership experience?

In your judgment, briefly state the three (3) most pressing issues facing Indian River County today.

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Why should you be selected to participate in the Indian River County Leadership program?

References: (no relatives please)

Name/Title _____

Business Address _____

Phone _____ Email if known _____

Name/Title _____

Business Address _____

Phone _____ Email if known _____

My signature below confirms my ability to attend on all dates specified on the front sheet of this application. I fully understand attendance is required at all sessions; only personal emergencies and religious holidays are excused. It is noted that weather related events may cause the postponement and rescheduling of a session.

Applicant Signature

Date

Employer Signature

Date

Return application to:

Indian River County Chamber of Commerce

1216 21st Street

Vero Beach, FL 32960

Or email to leadership@indianriverchamber.com