



Classes are every third Thursday or Tuesday of the month beginning in September and ending with graduation in May.

Class dates and times are subject to change but are typically from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. See current application for specific dates. Specific times are addressed on daily itineraries.

Additional days and times will be necessary to complete preparation for specific program days.

The following is mandatory:

- Attending a Municipal or County Commission meeting
- Attending a School Board meeting

The following is strongly suggested:

- Attend other civic or governmental meetings throughout the year
- Ride-along with Sheriff or Police

Sponsored by the Nassau County Chamber of Commerce. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in this program or activity should contact Nassau County Chamber of Commerce at least 72 hours in advance to request such accommodation.



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- Program Descriptions -

Objective:

To assist in the development of community leaders by providing participants from diverse backgrounds with an understanding of the problems, opportunities and issues facing the community. The program will also foster the development of leadership skills and techniques in an environment that encourages the establishment of new relationships and communication networks among the participants.

Selection Criteria:

Participation is open to all citizens of Nassau County. Leadership Nassau will target individuals with diverse geographical and social –economic backgrounds and seek a racial, gender and age mix reflective of the population at large. The recruitment process ensures a group selection representative of local business and professionals, education, labor, social services and government. Since the selection process is highly competitive with a limited number of participants, applicants are encouraged to reapply to subsequent programs if not initially accepted.

Program Tuition:

If accepted into the Leadership Nassau program, each participant will be billed for the tuition fee which covers all program costs including expenses at the Opening Retreat and material and meal costs during regular sessions. A limited number of partial scholarships may be available for those requiring financial assistance.

Participation Responsibilities: Leadership Nassau consists of a two-day Opening Retreat and a one-day Closing Session. Programs are scheduled monthly beginning in September and ending in May. Attendance at all sessions is expected. Participation at the Opening and Closing Sessions is mandatory. Involvement in Leadership Nassau does not end upon completion of the program. As part of an Alumni organization, graduates of Leadership Nassau are expected to assume active roles in local organizations and contribute to future Leadership Nassau programs.

Opening Retreat

Participants will work as a team in a low-ropes course (participants' abilities will be taken into consideration when designing challenges)

- Goals of the day include:
 - Enhancement of consensus and communication skills
 - Developing leadership skills
 - Developing a sense of team work that will carry on throughout the program

Regional Day

- The goal is to provide a greater understanding of Northeast Florida and Nassau County's role in the region
 - Participants will be encouraged to think regionally, increase collaboration and develop relationships outside Nassau County

Economic Development Day

- The goal of the day is to give participants a greater understanding of economic forces impacting Nassau County
- Topics include:
 - Tourism, Industry, role of the Chamber of Commerce

Education Day

- Goal of the day is to increase participants' understanding and awareness of the function of various parts of the education system and education needs of Nassau County
 - Participants will interact with students at various levels of the educational system

Government Day

- Goal is to purvey a greater understanding of the dynamics and role of government within the County and the Municipalities
- Participants will interact with various County, City and Community leaders and staff

Health & Social Concerns Day

- Goal is to promote an understanding of the health system and health issues affecting Nassau County while increasing awareness of social issues and available resources
- Topics include:
 - Financing health care, County Health Services and essential service agencies like the Council on Aging, Barnabas Center, Sutton Place, etc.

Arts & Culture Day

- Goal is to furnish a greater insight into the various performing, literary, musical and visual arts available and explore the unique aspects of how the arts contribute to the local culture

Justice & Law Enforcement Day

- Goal of the day is to provide a better understanding of law enforcement and the justice system and the importance of cohesive roles within Nassau County
 - Participants will interact with law enforcement at both the City and County levels and usually includes a tour of the County Correctional facility

Environment Day

- Goal is to provide a greater understanding of the importance of the environment and the issues impacting the environment within Nassau County
 - Participants will explore the area's unique environmental aspects and sustainability of natural resources

Closing Day

- Goal is to help each participant make a personal and group commitment as a leader in Nassau County
 - Participants will focus on volunteerism and leadership within local organizations