



# Leadership *La Plata*

DURANGO CHAMBER *of* COMMERCE

## Application for the 2015-2016 Class

### Part I

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Year \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Years with current business/organization \_\_\_\_\_

General description of job or organizational responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you subject to transfer with your current organization? Yes No

Years in La Plata County: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you plan to make La Plata County your long term residence? \_\_\_\_\_

Marital status: Single Engaged Married Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied previously to Leadership La Plata? \_\_\_\_\_ What year? \_\_\_\_\_

Please review the information regarding Incentive Positions and Financial Assistance on Page 2.

Incentive Positions: I am applying for an incentive position. Yes No If yes, please indicate area.

My geographic location is: Allison \_\_\_ Ignacio \_\_\_ Vallecito \_\_\_ Bayfield \_\_\_ Hesperus \_\_\_

Unincorporated La Plata County \_\_\_ The Southern Ute Indian Reservation \_\_\_

REFERENCES: Two individuals must provide letters of reference for you as a potential Leadership La Plata ("LLP") participant. Their letters can be included with this application or emailed directly to the Selection Chair at the address listed on the reverse under Application Deadline. It is suggested that at least one reference be a Leadership La Plata graduate. Please provide us with the name and contact information for your references.

Name

Phone Number/Email Address

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\_\_\_\_\_

## **Part II**

### **The Leadership La Plata Selection Committee endeavors to build a class that reflects the social, ethnic, and occupational diversity of La Plata County.**

Please provide the following information on additional sheets:

1. Elaborate on your professional experience and education. Please include degrees or accolades awarded as well as practical experience achieved in the course of your professional life. (Resumes are acceptable.)
2. List and explain your involvement with any pertinent civic, community, business, cultural, or professional organizations in which you have participated during the past five years. Please note any elected and/or appointed offices held, awards and/or recognitions received.
3. Please identify and discuss three particular problems/opportunities that you feel are critical to the future of La Plata County. How would you handle each one?
4. Describe the single most important thing you have done for yourself.
5. Describe the single most important thing you have done for your community.
6. How do you believe the community will benefit from your participation in Leadership La Plata?
7. What do you perceive as your leadership challenges?

**Incentive Positions:** LLP is committed to promoting participation from all areas of La Plata County. With this in mind, we offer two "Incentive Positions" specifically for residents of areas outside the City of Durango, including Allison, Ignacio, Vallecito, Bayfield, Hesperus, unincorporated areas of the county, and the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. These areas are under-represented in our LLP alumni, and we hope to change that in time. To encourage applicants from under-represented areas to apply to LLP and promote a greater geographical diversity of class members each year, the tuition fee for these incentive positions has been reduced to \$400. If you are interested in applying for one of our "Incentive Positions," please indicate this by checking the appropriate box on the first page and provide the necessary information.

**Financial Assistance:** LLP is also interested in ensuring that financial constraints are not a limiting factor for any applicant no matter where they live in La Plata County. If accepted into the program, an application for financial assistance may be requested. No matter where you live in La Plata County, you may apply for financial assistance.

**Part III**

**PARTICIPANT'S AGREEMENT:** All applicants must be at least 25 years of age and must have resided in La Plata County for at least one year. Leadership La Plata requires that each participant attend the weekend retreat September 18-20, 2015, seven monthly full-day sessions on the second Friday of the month from October through April, and two full-day sessions, the second and third Fridays in May.

As a participant, I am willing to attend all functions sponsored by the program, and I understand that attendance is vital to not only my education, but also to the growth and education of my fellow classmates. My failure to attend two sessions may result in the dismissal from the program, and my tuition of \$600, due prior to August 31, 2015, would be forfeited as it is non-refundable.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

My employer understands that participation in Leadership La Plata will require my absence from work, Friday afternoon, September 18, 2015; the second Friday of the month, October through April; and the second and third Fridays in May 2016.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Employer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Application Deadline: Monday, June 1, 2015 @ 5p.m.** Please email completed application to Ernie Lau ([ernielau7@gmail.com](mailto:ernielau7@gmail.com)) or mail to Ernie Lau, address: P. O. Box 98, Durango, CO 81302. In-person interviews will be conducted the week of June 8th, and a member of the Selection Committee will contact you to schedule your interview. Final selection will be made following all interviews and you will receive notification by July 2015. The required retreat dates will be held September 18 through September 20, 2015. You must be 25 years of age and have been a resident of La Plata County for at least one year.

Please direct any questions to Karen Thompson, Steering Committee Chair, 259-7738, or Ernie Lau, Selection Committee Chair, 247-9500.

Although LLP considers the contents of the application to be private, copies will be shared with the Selection Committee and with committees who are developing class curriculum.