



Latino Leadership Program Application

The Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for its Latino Leadership Program through June 30th. Entering its 13th year, this highly-regarded program builds the capacity and networks of existing and emerging Latino leaders dedicated to improving economic and social well-being in the Latino community.

Background and Program Objectives

The mission of the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce (Hispanic Chamber) is to advance Latino economic and community vitality through business development, leadership, education, and advocacy. Our primary geographic focus is the Portland metropolitan region including Clark County, though we address gaps and opportunities across Oregon when appropriate.

The Chamber's Latino Leadership Program is designed to:

- Develop participant's leadership and management skills
- Enhance participant's understanding of economic and community vitality issues
- Expand participant's network of leaders and resources in the Latino and wider community
- Increase the number of Latino leaders in public, private, and nonprofit organizations.

Latino Leadership Program Structure

Each year approximately 20 individuals are selected to participate in the Chamber's 12-month Latino Leadership Program. Participants attend a monthly full-day session that includes workshop style engagement and interaction with leading organizations in the region. The program includes project-based learning to integrate content and build skills. Participants also receive exposure to a range of boards and commissions to facilitate placement into community leadership positions.

Eligibility and Application Process

Latino professionals who support the mission of the Hispanic Chamber are eligible to apply. Members of the Hispanic Chamber and prior recipients of the Hispanic Chamber's Scholarships Program are encouraged to apply. Participants representing diverse ages, backgrounds, and sectors are welcome. Completed applications are due by June 30th, 2018. Strong candidates are those that display a commitment to the organization's vision, mission and program goals. Participants are selected by the Hispanic Chamber's Latino Leadership Program Committee.

Required Attendance and Meeting Dates

The Latino Leadership Program represents a significant investment of time, effort and financial resources on behalf of the participants, Chamber, and program sponsors. Participants agree to attend all sessions, full time, except in the case of an emergency.

Program Schedule

March 15, 2018	Program Announcement
June 30, 2018	Application Process Closes
July 31, 2018	Participant Selection Completed
August 3, 2018	Participants Notified
September 14, 2018 Dinner	Participants Announced at Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration
Oct. 24, 2018	Latino Leadership Graduation/Reception (5:30 PM to 7:00 PM)
Nov 9, 2018	First Class (8:30 AM to 5:00 PM)
Dec. 7, 2018	Second Class (8:30 AM to 5:00 PM)
Jan. – Aug. 2019	One Class per month (usually the first Friday of the month)
Sept. 2019	Graduation Recognition at the Hispanic Heritage Dinner

Participant Cost: \$2,600.00 per person (Must be paid before Dec. 1st, 2018)

Scholarships: Scholarships are available on a limited basis.

Deadline: June 30, 2018

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Instructions

Complete applications must be submitted by June 30th, 2018 for consideration to the Latino Leadership Program.

A complete application includes **four required** components and **one optional** component:

- Application Form [Below]**
- Resume:** Summarize education, work experience, and community involvement.
- Personal Statement:** In 250 words or less, explain why you are interested in participating in this leadership program.
- References:** Include two letters of reference from individuals that can provide information on your current or potential leadership capacity.
- Optional Scholarship Statement:** In 100 words or less, explain why you should be considered for a scholarship.

Print and Scan and send completed applications to info@hmccoregon.com.

APPLICATION FORM

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Home Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Work E-mail: _____

Personal E-mail: _____

LinkedIn: _____ Facebook: _____

Birth Date: _____

I identify my gender as:

- Male Female Transgender Male Transgender Female Gender Variant/Non-Conforming
 Prefer not to Disclose

Employer: _____

Work Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Employer Contact Name: _____

Employer Contact Phone Number: _____

Employer Contact Email: _____

I identify as Hispanic/Latino and my heritage includes (check all that apply):

- Mexican Puerto Rican Cuban Other: _____ (Please Specify)

My highest degree or level of schooling completed is:

- High school degree or equivalent (e.g. GED)
- Some college, no degree
- Associate's degree (e.g., AA)
- Bachelor's degree (e.g., BA, BS)
- Master's degree (e.g., MA, MS, MEd)
- Professional degree (e.g., MD, DDS, DVM)
- Doctorate (e.g., PhD, EdD)

Colleges and/or Universities Attended and Degrees Earned:

List foreign languages that you **speak**:

Beginner: ____ Intermediate ____ Advanced _____

List foreign languages that you **read**:

Beginner: _____ Intermediate _____, Advanced _____

List foreign languages that you **write**:

Beginner: _____ Intermediate ____ Advanced _____

What boards or commission are you/have you served on?

Current (please list) _____

Prior Service (please list) _____

What areas of interest do you have for future service on boards or commissions? _____

Are you a former Hispanic Chamber Scholarship Recipient?

Yes: ____ No: ____ If yes, please list date.

Are you or your employer a Hispanic Chamber member? Yes: ____ No: ____

How did you find out about the Hispanic Chamber's Latino Leadership Program?

Participant names, photos, and non-sensitive background information are often shared with the press when we highlight the Latino Leadership Program. Do we have your permission to this information to promote our program if you are selected? Yes: ____ No: ____

Do we have permission to release this information to others that may be interested in Latino professionals such as yourself? Yes: ____ No: ____ If yes, initial here: ____

Participation Requirement:

If selected, you are required to attend a monthly ½ day or full day seminar, as well as a few other events through the year. Details of these events and dates will be communicated to you if you are a selected finalist. Do you agree to participate in these events?

Yes: ____ No: ____ If yes, initial here: ____

Payment

Participants are responsible for payment of the \$2,600.00 tuition by December 1st, 2018 unless scholarship arrangements have been made.

Scholarships are reserved for candidates from the non-profit sector and are made on a case by case basis depending on scholarship funding available. Some exceptions may apply.

Please select **one** of the following:

- I agree to make the payment of the \$2,600.00 tuition by December 1st, 2018.
- My employer has agreed to make the payment of the \$2,600.00 tuition by December 1st, 2018.
- I am unable to participate without a full scholarship.
- I am unable to participate without a partial scholarship.
- I would like to be considered for a scholarship but agree to make the payment of the \$2,600.00 tuition by December 1st, 2018 if I am not selected for a scholarship.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information provided with this application is accurate.

Applicant Signature

Date