



## 2017-2018 Application

A program of the Athens County Foundation

### ABOUT LEADERSHIP ATHENS COUNTY

The Athens Foundation with support from the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, the Voinovich School of Ohio University, the Columbus Foundation and the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation launched *Leadership Athens County* in the spring of 2006. It is a nine-month course, from September through May, aimed at developing a corps of informed citizens to provide dynamic community leadership. Participants explore Athens' economic, political, social and cultural landscape through discussions, tours, meetings with public officials, and interactions with community leaders. *Leadership Athens County* also provides participants the chance to explore their own leadership style. This is a tremendous opportunity for both personal and professional growth.

### INSTRUCTIONS

This application contains six sections. Please type your answers in the space provided. Your completed application form may be sent electronically to: [jesse@athensfoundation.org](mailto:jesse@athensfoundation.org). Applications are due by May 1, 2017. Information is available at [www.athensfoundation.org](http://www.athensfoundation.org) and questions should be directed to Jesse Stock, Program Director, at 740-594-6061

### SELECTION CRITERIA

*Leadership Athens County* welcomes applications from those who either work or reside in Athens County. The successful candidate will have:

- A demonstrated commitment to their community
- An interest in assuming a greater role in their community
- The intention to remain in Athens County
- The full support of his or her employer
- The ability to **attend all** of the sessions and retreats

Up to twenty five participants will be selected. In order to achieve a diverse group, consideration will be given to age, gender, occupation, place of residence, and race.

### COMMITMENT

To fulfill our commitment to you and your employer, attendance at the retreats and classes is mandatory. Since emergencies do arise, participants are allowed one absence. More than one absence may make you ineligible for graduating with your class. If you are unable to fulfill this requirement, please delay your application until you can make the commitment. **Attendance at the opening retreat in September is mandatory.**

### TUITION

If selected, tuition for *Leadership Athens County* is \$750 and covers meals, snacks, room rentals and reading materials. It does not include the cost of overnight room accommodations for the retreat or transportation. If you are in need of assistance in paying for Leadership Athens County, please contact Jesse Stock at [jesse@athensfoundation.org](mailto:jesse@athensfoundation.org) for a scholarship application. There are a limited number of scholarships available each year.

**I. General Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ms.: \_\_\_ Miss: \_\_\_ Mrs.: \_\_\_ Mr.: \_\_\_ Dr.: \_\_\_  
Preferred First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gender\*: \_\_\_\_\_ (M/F) Race\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
*\*this information is requested to achieve a diverse group*  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Length of Residency in Athens County: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Education**

Name of School Dates Attended Degree/Certificate  
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Employment**

Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Length of Employment with current employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
If less than one year, please complete the following:  
Previous Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Length of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your current responsibilities at work: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your most significant professional contribution to date:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Community Involvement**

Please list, in order of importance to you, your civic, political, religious, social, professional or other volunteer activities, including any leadership positions you have held and the dates of your involvement with the organization.

Name of Organization Position held Date of Service  
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your most significant volunteer work to date: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How many hours per month do you commit to your volunteer activities? \_\_\_\_\_

**V. Personal Vision**

What do you consider to be the top challenges facing Athens County?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What do you hope to gain from participating in *Leadership Athens County*?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**VI. References**

List two people unrelated to you who will speak on your behalf about your commitment to your community.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address where he or she can be contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number where he or she can be contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address where he or she can be contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number where he or she can be contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about *Leadership Athens County*? \_\_\_\_\_

By checking this box, I acknowledge that if selected for *Leadership Athens County*, I will devote the necessary time and energy to complete the program and can attend the mandatory opening retreat in September.

By checking this box, I acknowledge that if selected for *Leadership Athens County*, my employer fully understands my attendance requirements and is supportive of my participation.

**Forward completed applications, along with your most current résumé, to  
jesse@athensfoundation.org**