



Who Should Attend

Leadership Novato is well-suited to business/career professionals, independent business owners and members of public, private and non-profit organizations and service clubs. Also, citizens who volunteer or are retired.

Participant Selection

Applicants vetted to participate in the program represent Novato and Marin's cultural diversity of economic, occupational and activist residents. The Leadership Advisory Committee, all LN graduates, reviews applications to ensure qualified individuals are accommodated.

Application Deadlines

The early application deadline is June 3, 2011. Complete application forms are available online or from the Chamber office.

www.novatochamber.com
415-209-1281

After June 3, please call leadership Director Liz Watson at the Novato Chamber of Commerce, 415-209-1281, to inquire about space availability.

Testimonials

"Participating in Leadership Novato was a perfect jump start for a newcomer to the area. In a matter of months... I was introduced to the movers and shakers of Novato. Having friends in leadership roles in Novato companies has helped me build my business and my network faster than I ever could have on my own."

Candra Canning, Class of 2010
Live Bright Now

"Leadership Novato is giving me a greater understanding of the geopolitical forces as work locally to Novato and across Marin. You can't put a price on the wisdom gained from those who have come before us."

Gerald McCarthy, Candidate, Class of 2011
Battalion Chief, Novato Fire Protection District

"It has been a privilege to be a part of this class. Even outside of the sessions, I have developed some friendships. One class participant did a loan for me so I could buy my first house here; another fellow class member was my title company contact."

Eric Lucan, 2007 Ed Stark Award Recipient
New Life Christian Center

"From the first day...I realized the rich multi-cultural and ranching history of our town for the first time. In my work on diversity issues in Novato, the historical perspective has given me a deeper understanding of how the past influences the present. New relationships, collaborations and connections will be great resources to you professional and personally."

Annan Paterson, Class of 2005
Public Speaking & Presentation Skills Trainer



September 2011-May 2012
Class Forming Now

Established in 1990, Leadership Novato is a community affairs program designed to identify and develop leaders in our community.

Leadership
Now More Than Ever

Mission

The Leadership Novato mission is to identify and nurture community leaders, to increase their practical knowledge of the Novato, Marin County and North Bay region as well as encourage and enrich individual leadership skills.

Purpose

LN candidates study the community's infrastructure through interactive presentations, site visits and tours, discussions and team community service projects.

Among the class instructors are respected elected officials, district managers, civic leaders, volunteers, activists and subject-matter experts from Novato and throughout the Bay Area.

The Program

Leadership Novato encourages new and future community leaders to take active roles in civic organizations and causes.

Leadership Novato candidates are brought together for a two-day retreat/first class in September and continue to meet one full day a month for eight months, celebrating graduation in with a May ceremony.

Leadership Novato has graduated nearly 400 students since 1991. Students are generously sponsored by their employees, leading businesses, public agencies and scholarship donors. Together, students and their sponsors fulfill the LN vision of nurturing community leaders throughout Novato and Marin County.



Leadership Community Projects

Key to Leadership Novato are team projects. The class (averaging 24 students) divides into four-member break-out teams. Teams select or create a project to benefit others. In that process, candidates grapple with the challenges of the team process and the finer points of leadership.

Real-life, real-time learning

Leadership Novato offers real-life, real-time learning. Guest lecturers examine structure, operation and financing of government, current issues and alternative solutions facing the economy, the environment, government, transportation, multi-culturalism, health, recreation, human services and education.

Tuition

Tuition is reduced \$100 for candidates who pay before the June 3, 2011 early-bird deadline. Otherwise, tuition is \$895 for Chamber members, \$995 for non-members. Your investment covers a day-long retreat and one intensive 8-hour session monthly, September to May. Continental breakfast, catered lunch and tour-event transportation is included. Payment plan schedules are available. However, full payment is required before the September 13, 2011 Retreat.

Leadership – Now More Than Ever

Candidates and graduates enjoy:



pursuit of life-long learning



knowledge of issues firsthand, thereby becoming effective in influencing policy change on a community level



a greater pool of business/professional contacts throughout the Bay Area



effective interaction with local government and community agencies, special-interest groups



satisfying personal networking in civic, business and professional life



Team Project community service

Session Sponsorship

Leadership Novato relies on member/corporate contributions to sustain its level of excellence. A \$150 session sponsorship promotes your business, products and services as well as your commitment to developing future community leaders.

Scholarships

Every year, several scholarships are given to candidates. The generous donations by Leadership's supportive corps of business leaders and employers make these student scholarships possible.



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