



Civic-minded community leaders are invited to apply to the Oxnard Leadership Program. Since 2016, this interactive, community engagement program has provided an in-depth look at the issues impacting the city and region's economic prosperity and quality of life.

This 10-month, 10-session experiential program connects participants with key decision makers and experts on vital issues shaping the future of the City of Oxnard and its surrounding region. Participants are selected for their commitment to bettering their community, passion for self-improvement, and desire to better serve in leadership roles within their organization or in the community.

Topics discussed include (but are not limited to) local government, public safety, energy, education, trade, defense, public services, health and human services, and agriculture.

The Oxnard Leadership Program is an initiative of the Oxnard Foundation For Education And Economic Development (OFEED) a 501(c)(3) organization. Formed in 2014 by the Oxnard Chamber of Commerce (now WVCBA), OFEED's mission is to support the interaction with and advancement of education and development of our future workforce, and to assure the Oxnard community has an adequate supply of quality jobs.

TUITION & COMMITMENT

The tuition is \$850 (plus a \$25 application fee) per participant, which covers the cost of 10 sessions, the welcome reception, graduation ceremony, and meals.

Partial scholarships are available for the 2024 program, thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Gene Haas Foundation; please inquire when you submit your application. Businesses are encouraged to sponsor employee participation for leadership development.

Session hours vary and are approximately 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Session dates are provided in advance and participants are expected to attend all 10 sessions. **Participants may not miss more than two sessions (16 hours total) in order to graduate with the cohort.** Participants are allowed to make up sessions the following

year and graduate then. Refunds will not be given to those who do not complete the program.

BENEFITS

Whether you are new to the area, or have lived here for years, this course can open new doors of opportunity:

- Gain a broader understanding of the city and surrounding region, how it functions, and major challenges and opportunities.
- Build an informal network of diverse, like-minded professionals.
- Position yourself or your business as a community partner that is committed to quality-of-life issues.
- Acquire knowledge of city, county, and regional issues that can be used for greater organizational effectiveness.
- Meet influential community leaders from an array of industries that may help with business solutions.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application and a \$25 deposit made payable to the Oxnard Foundation for Education and Economic Development, Inc. must be received by **5:00 pm on Monday, October 9, 2023.**

Brief interviews with applicants (via Zoom) will be scheduled throughout the rest of October.

Applicants will be notified about selection to the program before November 10, 2023.

Applications can be sent to info@wvcba.org or mailed to:
Oxnard Leadership
c/o Oxnard Foundation for Education & Economic Development, Inc
400 E. Esplanade Drive, Suite 302,
Oxnard, CA 93036

For more information, please call (805) 738-9100 or email info@wcvba.org.

ORGANIZATIONS/ACTIVITES/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

List any civic, community, political, professional, religious or other organization in which you are currently or have recently been involved.

ORGANIZATION

MEMBERSHIP DATES

POSITION HELD

Please list any special recognition, awards, or accomplishments:

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Please answer the following **via video or written response**. If you need more room, please attach a separate document.

1. Why do you want to learn more about Oxnard and the challenges faced by the various sectors of the community?

2. In your opinion, what are the most pressing problems facing Oxnard today?

3. What skills/knowledge do you have to gain as a participant in **Oxnard Leadership**?

4. What skills/knowledge do you have to share with other participants in **Oxnard Leadership**?

In addition to this application, a brief interview (via Zoom) will be scheduled so members of the selection committee can meet each applicant. Soon after the application deadline, you will receive an email to schedule your interview.

TUITION

Tuition for each participant in **Oxnard Leadership** is \$850 plus a \$25 application fee.

Tuition is due before the start of the first class and can be made via check or credit card. **Payment arrangements can be made.**

Please indicate how your tuition will be paid: Employer Personal Other_____ (please specify)

Partial scholarships are available; a separate application is not required. Are you interested in receiving one? **Please note, priority is given to nonprofit employees and self-paying individuals.** Yes, please consider me for a scholarship

SCHEDULE

Oxnard Leadership requires full participation on the following dates in 2024. Sessions meet from approximately 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

January 17 – Welcome Reception 5:30-7:00 pm ● January 26 ● February 23 ● March 22 ● April 26 ● May 31
June 21 ● July 26 ● August 23 ● September 20 ● October 25 ● TBD – Graduation

Please Initial:

COMMITMENT

_____ You must be on time and fully participate in the curriculum. Participants may not miss more than two sessions (16 hours total) in order to graduate. Please discuss this application with your employer/supervisor to ensure that you will have sufficient time to participate in the program and fulfill the necessary requirements.

PRIVACY NOTICE

_____ A list of class participants (which include your employer, email address, and one answer from general questions) will be provided to cohort members and session speakers.

_____ Oxnard Leadership will, to the extent feasible, maintain confidentiality of your personal information. Your business information will be shared on our website and social media posts regarding the program. Additionally, your progress in the program may be made available to your sponsor or employer.

PERMISSION TO USE YOUR IMAGE

_____ I understand that my voice and/or image, whether video, photography, audio recording, digital or other format, may be in the advertising, promotion or discussion of the Oxnard Leadership program. ***required**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I understand the purpose of the **Oxnard Leadership** program and that completion of this application does not ensure a candidate's acceptance in the current class. I will devote the time required and will abide by all class requirements.

Signature of Applicant

Participation in the **Oxnard Leadership** program must have the support and commitment of your employer if you are not self-employed. **Your signature below confirms that you have discussed this application with your employer/supervisor, that they are aware of the attendance requirements, financial, and time commitments, and that they offer their support.**

Signature of Applicant

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Make sure you:

- _____ Complete and sign application
- _____ Submit video or written responses
- _____ Submit \$25 application fee (check or credit card)

Applications can be emailed to info@wvcba.org
or mailed to:

Oxnard Leadership
C/O Oxnard Foundation for Education & Economic
Development, Inc
400 E. Esplanade Dr., Suite 302
Oxnard, CA 93036

Application Fee: \$ 25.00

Payment method: Check: _____ Credit Card: _____

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration: _____ Security Code: _____

Authorization Signature: _____