



### **What is Leadership Gwinnett?**

Leadership Gwinnett is a 9-month experience with a 30-year history. The program is transformational for both participants and the organizations they lead. Through exclusive tours and hands-on experiences, participants fully explore and learn more about local government, education, economic development and the arts.

You'll see it all through the eyes of experienced area leaders who deal every day with our community's biggest challenges. Armed with new knowledge, connections and perspectives, our participants are prepared to take their places as effective community leaders.

### **What is the Leadership Gwinnett experience like?**

The Leadership Gwinnett program year begins with a mandatory two night opening retreat in September and concludes with another one night retreat for graduation in May. During the program year, the class meets one day per month at varying locations in the Gwinnett community. During these program days, participants discover what makes our community distinctive, and learn the challenges and successes in government, education, economic development, social services and the arts.

### **What can I expect to take away from Leadership Gwinnett?**

Participants enjoy unforgettable experiences and relationships that pay dividends personally and professionally. The connections made with classmates and the interaction with top community leaders adds value to this program well before graduation. You'll walk away with a broader and deeper perspective on the county and your role in it. You'll discover issues you are passionate about by experiencing them firsthand.

### **Who should apply for Leadership Gwinnett?**

Experienced leaders from all fields apply. Classes are selected annually from a pool of applicants to be representative of the community.

### **What is the time commitment involved?**

Leadership Gwinnett participants must attend the mandatory overnight (2 night) opening retreat in September a mandatory (1 night) retreat for graduation in May and are expected to attend each of the seven program days. Program days are held once per month from 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Wednesdays. Small groups meet once a month for two hours debriefing on the previous program day. Homework assignments are given between program days that include visiting off-site locations, reading assignments and group activities.

### **What is the cost?**

Leadership Gwinnett program tuition is \$3,000, which includes overnight retreat lodging, meals, and materials for program days.

### **Are scholarships available?**

Scholarships are available based on need. The scholarship application is provided upon request to the Executive Director. Be prepared to state the amount of scholarship requested and the reason you need a scholarship. Please note that the Leadership Gwinnett does not award full scholarships and at this time, can award a maximum of \$1,500.

Scholarship requests are considered only after the class selection process is complete and will in no way impact consideration of your Leadership Gwinnett application.

### **How many applications does the Leadership Gwinnett receive each year?**

Leadership Gwinnett does not disclose the exact number of applications for any of our programs. Acceptance into Leadership Gwinnett is a competitive process as we receive significantly more applications than spaces allotted. Each year, the number of applications increases, yet the number we can accommodate in the class remains constant – about 40 participants. Many Leadership Gwinnett participants will have applied multiple times before being accepted into the class.

### **How many people are invited to participate each year?**

Typical class size for Leadership Gwinnett is approximately 40 participants.

### **How do I submit an application?**

Applications for the program open on January 1.

A link to the application will be available on the Leadership Gwinnett Web page. Other helpful information will be posted on the Web page.

**What happens after my application is submitted?**

Once you have submitted your application form, a Leadership Gwinnett Center Selection Committee will determine who will be invited to join the class. By the end of May, you will be notified by letter if you are invited to join the class.