

Who is Eligible to Apply?

You must do business or live in the St. Petersburg area and be at least 22 years of age by the start of the program. Candidates must also have the full support of the organization, corporation or company they represent.

Selection Process

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26, 2023. A nonrefundable application fee of \$50 must be paid online when submitting the application.

Selection begins with a review of candidates' anonymous written applications. All personally identifiable information is removed prior to the LSP Selection Committee review and scoring of applications.

LSP is a highly competitive program with only the top 50 applicants selected for interviews. Interviews with the Selection Committee will be held at one of the following sessions:

Thursday, October 26, 2023	3-8 p.m. (allow 45 minutes)
Friday, October 27, 2023	12-6 p.m. (allow 45 minutes)

A class of approximately 35-40 individuals will be selected from those interviewed. Many qualified applicants will not be chosen for the class due to capacity limitations and will be encouraged to apply again for the next year's program.

Tuition and Scholarships

The tuition is \$3,000 for Chamber members and \$3,500 for non-members. Tuition must be paid in full by Tuesday, November 21, 2023.

Scholarship funds may be available for those seeking financial assistance. Please complete the Scholarship section of the application if you would like to be considered for a scholarship. All scholarship application information is kept confidential and reviewed separately from your application.

No full or partial refunds are offered.

Thank you for your interest in LSP!



2024 PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS



LSP Mission

To identify, recruit, and develop leaders who represent the diversity of our community and who will assume future leadership roles in the Chamber and other community organizations.

2024 Schedule

** Orientation Dinner	December 7, 2023
** Opening Retreat (1 night, 1 1/2 days)	January 12-13, 2024
* St. Pete History Seminar	January 18, 2024
Class Project Kickoff Meeting (Optional)	January 18, 2024
* Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Seminar	January 23, 2024
Class Project Scope Meeting (Optional)	January 30, 2024
* State Government Seminar (2 nights, 3 days)	February 5-7, 2024
* Growing St. Pete	February 20, 2024
* Criminal Justice Seminar	March 7, 2024
* Mid-Year Retreat	March 21, 2024
* Environmental Sustainability Seminar	April 2, 2024
* St. Pete Culture	April 17, 2024
* Local Government Seminar	May 2, 2024
Sponsorship Reception (TBC after seminar)	May 2, 2024
* Class Project Day	May 18, 2024
* Closing Retreat	May 24, 2024
Graduation Dinner	TBA, June 4 or 5, 2024

* You may only miss two (2) of these events and still graduate

** Mandatory Event

Dates are subject to change.

What Can You Expect from LSP?

LSP challenges class members to examine opportunities and issues in our community, state, and nation through interactive retreats, educational seminars, and team building activities. Each class member, in collaboration with Planning Committee mentors, is responsible for moderating a seminar. Additionally, class members collaborate on a community service project that benefits a nonprofit organization and culminates in at least one full day of hands-on work.