



LEADERSHIP ST. PETE

Thank you for your interest in participating in the
Leadership St. Pete® (LSP) Class of 2027.

*Leadership St. Pete (LSP) is the premier leadership development program of the
St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce. Founded in 1969, it is the second
oldest program of its kind in the United States.*

Carefully read the application below and complete all sections. **Applications will be
accepted through Monday, September 28, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. ET.**

Please note: There is no save feature when completing this application. The application
must be completed in its entirety and submitted in the same session. You must submit
your application via this online process to be considered for LSP. We recommend
drafting your responses in a Word document to check for spelling, grammar, and word
count as you work on your responses.

Good luck throughout the application process!

If you have any questions or issues with this application, please contact

Linnie Randolph at lrandolph@stpete.com.

Personal Information



The selection process begins with this anonymous application; all identifying information is removed and retained separately. The LSP Selection & Interview Team will then review a masked application (anonymous information only).

Full formal name as it should appear in press releases, letterhead and graduation certificate if selected. *

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First Name Middle Name/Initial Last Name

Full name as it should appear on the nametag you will wear at all LSP events. *

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First Name Last Name

Significant other name (optional)

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First Name Last Name

Home address *

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Home Street Address

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Home Street Address Line 2

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Home City Home State / Province

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Home Postal / Zip Code

Home phone

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Area Code Phone Number

Cell phone *

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Area Code Phone Number

Personal email address *

ex: myname@example.com

Employer name *

Business address *

Business Street Address

Business Street Address Line 2

Business City

Business State / Province

Business Postal / Zip Code

Business phone *

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Area Code Phone Number

Business email *

ex: myname@example.com

Occupation *

Title *

Length of time with your current employer: *

LinkedIn profile URL

I have been a resident of or employed in the St. Petersburg area since (MM/YYYY) *

Preferred email address for file sharing on Google Drive *

This can be any email address, but if the email address is not associated with a Google Account, a new Google Account must be set up using this email address in order for us to share files to this email. example@example.com. Please note that many business email accounts will not work for access to the Google Drive.

Preferred email address for all LSP email correspondence to be sent to: *

Choose an email address you will be able to check regularly and also manage the extra email volume. All official email messages will be sent here and many times this content is time sensitive and could affect your overall success in the program. example@example.com

Preferred email address for all LSP calendar invitations to be sent to: *

Input the email address that will allow you to add the event to your main calendar. example@example.com

Community Project Nonprofit Nominations

Each class gives back to our community through the Community Project, a civic-engagement, community service project that is completed during the term of the program. A typical Community Project requires the class to create awareness, fundraise, and work hands-on at the nonprofit's site. Please nominate a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization you believe would benefit from being selected as the 2027 Community Project beneficiary.

Dietary Information

Do you have any special dietary needs?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Statistical Use Only

Completion of this portion of the application is voluntary. This data will not be kept with the application or used in the selection decision of candidates.

Race (check all that apply)

☐ Black or African American

- ☐ White
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- ☐

Registered disabled

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Military service veteran

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Birth Year

A photo directory is created after the class is selected. If you have a current, professional headshot, please upload it now. We will take pictures of all candidates that reach the interview stage on the day of your interview, regardless of your photo submission. It is at the discretion of the Planning Committee (PC) to choose which photo to use. Files should be a high quality, print ready JPG or PNG. The photo directory crops photos to roughly 2"x3" or smaller when printed.

The PC will also provide either the professional headshot photo submitted or the one taken at interviews (at the discretion of the PC, determined by the quality of the photo you have submitted) to media outlets that request an individual headshot when the class is announced.

Professional Headshot Photo



I acknowledge: *

☐ I live or do business in the St. Petersburg area

I am or will be: *

☐ At least 22 years of age by December 4, 2026

Application verification *

☐ I understand that Leadership St. Pete may contact my employer (if applicable) or other organizations listed throughout this application to verify information.

I understand: *

☐ All programs and speakers' comments are considered confidential.

I will *

☐ Pay my tuition in full by Tuesday, November 24, 2026

I agree: *

☐ To the LSP selection process.

I understand: *

☐ This application should reflect my own thinking and writing. Furthermore, I acknowledge the use of any AI tools in the completion of my application may result in a deduction of points when applications are scored.

I understand: *

☐ That as a class member I will be a positive representative of Leadership St. Pete and the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the program at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

I understand: *

☐ LSP application and tuition fees are non-refundable, even if I am unable to graduate due to failure to meet the obligations of the program, including the attendance requirement outlined below.

LSP requires a significant time commitment from participants. The program includes several half-day and full-day seminars and activities, as well as additional planning meetings. Attendance is mandatory at the Orientation Dinner

and overnight Opening Retreat. Additionally, class members may not miss more than two (2) of any of the remaining seminars, retreats, or events.

I understand: *

- ☐ I must attend the full Orientation Dinner program from 3-9 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2026 or I will not be able to continue with or graduate from LSP.

I understand: *

- ☐ I must attend the full Opening Retreat program, Friday - Saturday, January 8-9, 2027, including the overnight stay, or I will not be able to continue with or graduate from LSP.

I understand: *

- ☐ Should I miss more than two (2) seminars or events, including arriving late or leaving early, I will not be able to continue with or graduate from LSP.

Signature *



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Commitment of Employer



Applicants for Leadership St. Pete must have the support and commitment of their organization. The signature of the applicant's supervisor is necessary as an indication of this support.

Do you have a supervisor? *

- ☐ Yes - I have a direct supervisor

- ☐ No - I am an owner/partner/sole practitioner or other and I do not report to a supervisor

References



Please provide the name, employer/organization, job title, and phone number for two references who know you in a volunteer capacity or at least a professional capacity. Please notify your references that someone from the Executive Committee of Leadership St. Pete may contact them.

Please list two references we may contact below. *

First Name	Last Name	Employer	Title
First	Last	Company Name	Title
First	Last	Company Name	Title

Tuition & Scholarship



The tuition for LSP 2027 is \$3,100 for Chamber members and \$3,600 for non-members.

An application fee of \$50 is required to apply at the time of submission. Please note class members may encounter additional ancillary expenses through the course of their LSP experience. If you have questions, please reach out to Linnie Randolph at lrandolph@stpete.com.

Full tuition payment is due Tuesday, November 24, 2026. No full or partial refunds are offered.

For those with demonstrated financial need, scholarship assistance may be available. Please complete the Scholarship section of this form to be considered for scholarship funds. Scholarships are awarded prior to being invited to join the class.

Are you (or is your company) a Chamber Member? *

- ☐ Yes - Tuition \$3,100
- ☐ No - Tuition \$3,600
- ☐ Not sure

Scholarship Application

This section of the application will be held in strict confidence. Your name and contact information will be removed prior to review by the Scholarship Award Committee to ensure an impartial review. This is the only time scholarship applications are available.

Please be advised the only information the scholarship committee will review from this application will be your responses in this scholarship section below. They will not receive any identifying information or your program application responses. Please be thorough in your answers for scholarship consideration.

Note: Scholarship funds are awarded based on an analysis of available funds, severity of financial need for each individual, and the total funds available. Scholarships are not guaranteed.

Do you want to apply for a scholarship? *

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Application Questions (50 points)



Please be descriptive in your responses without including personally identifiable information (such as your name, company name, your title, etc.) in the following application questions. This is to ensure anonymity for all applicants during the review process.

Describe your education and/or training. (Maximum 100 words; Not graded, but is required) *

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Have you participated in other leadership programs? Please list formal program names along with the year of completion. If you did not complete the program, please state the reason. (Maximum 50 words; Not graded)

Please list program names here with the year of completion. If you did not complete the program, please state the reason

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INVOLVEMENT: List, in order of importance to you, the volunteer organizations you have been involved with during the past five years, including the name of organization, amount of time you volunteer, and any leadership roles. Please indicate how much time you currently devote to each organization per month. (Maximum 200 words; 5 points) *

Name of organization, amount of time, leadership role

Business, professional, community and/or volunteer activity (i.e., civic, religious, social, political, athletic, etc.).

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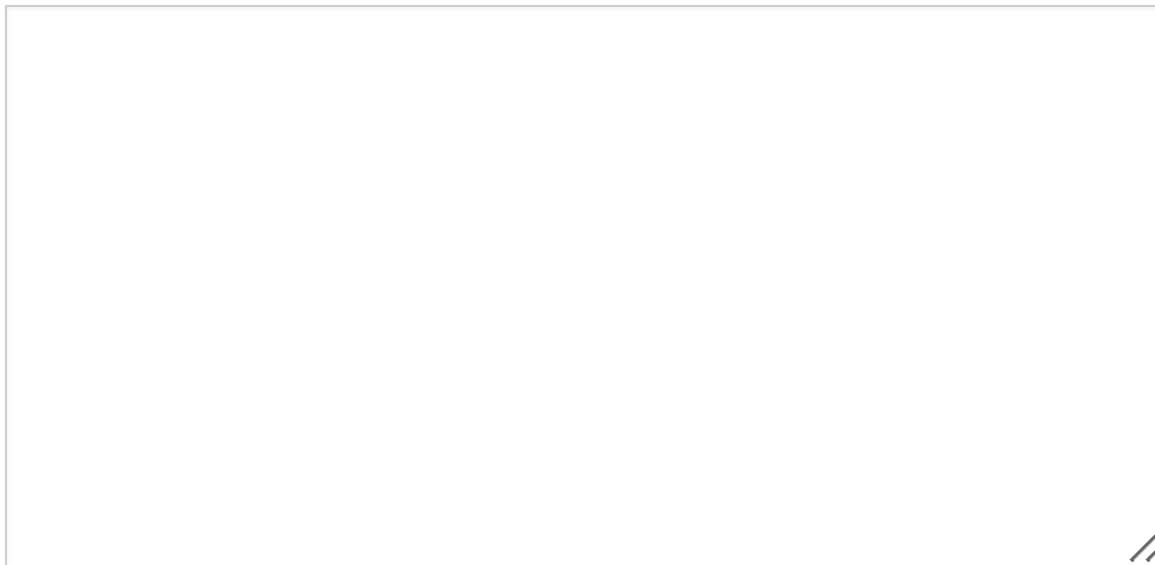
SHORT ESSAY 1: Describe a circumstance, within the last five years, in which you have taken a risk and/or been visionary as a leader. Cite an example of the impact this has had on you and those around you. (Maximum 250 words; 10 points) *

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SHORT ESSAY 2: Describe a specific time, within the last five years in the community or in your workplace, when your actions fostered collaboration or helped to achieve consensus where it did not exist before. How did your actions affect the outcome of the situation? What changed because of your actions? (Maximum 250 words; 10 points) *

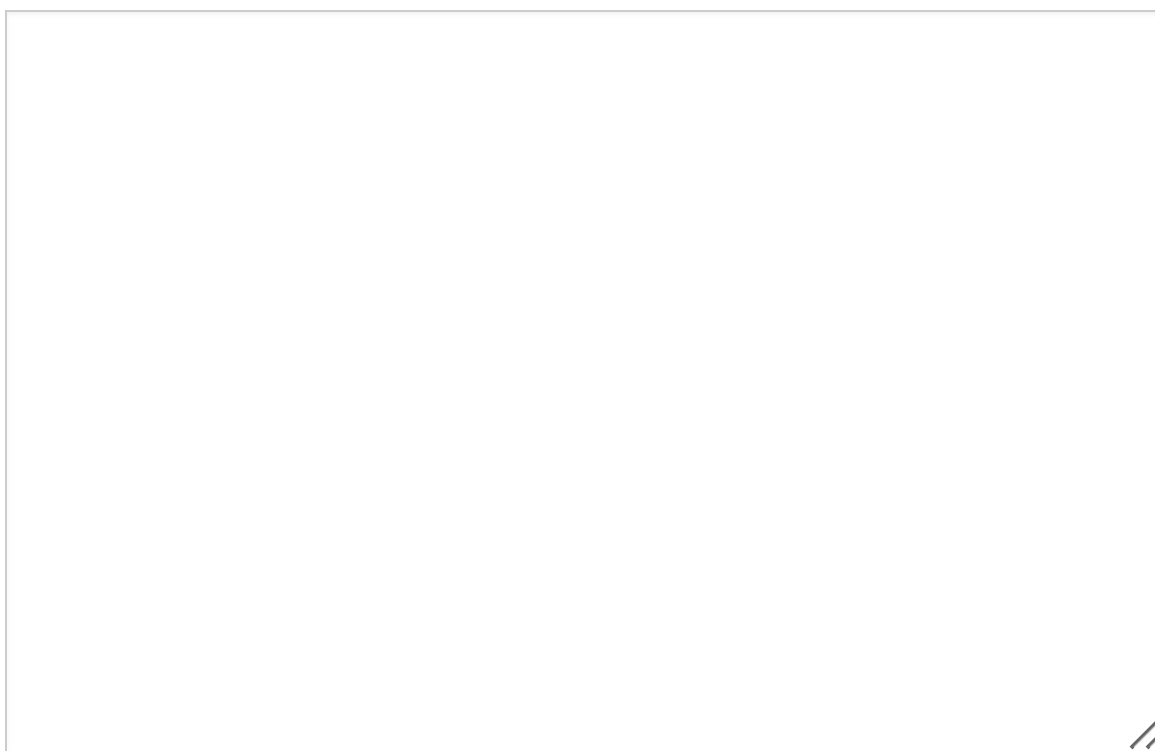
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SHORT ESSAY 3: What unique achievements, qualities or characteristics, not described elsewhere on this application, would you bring to the class? Describe strengths, experiences and/or perspectives that would make you a "unique contributor" to the Leadership St. Pete Class. (Maximum 250 words; 10 points) *



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LONG ESSAY: Tell us what you believe is one specific issue that must be addressed to improve the quality of life in St. Petersburg today. Describe what you would do to address and resolve this issue. Outline why this issue is important and the potential impact your changes could have on the community. (Maximum of 600 words; 15 points) *



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Submission



How did you become aware of this program? (Select all that apply)

☐ Chamber

☐ LSP Graduate

☐ Email/Social Media

☐ Other - please

Did you attend a Leadership St. Pete Information Session?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Did you have any issues while filling out this form? If so, please explain below.

If you have any questions, please contact Linnie Randolph at lrandolph@stpete.com.

Application Fee: Upon submitting your application, you will be directed to payment of the required [\\$50 Application Fee](#)
