

VISION MISSION

Educate community and business leaders by providing experiences that will increase awareness, develop leadership skills and motivate participants to be actively engaged in St. Charles County.

GOALS

Educate local leaders about...

- Public Policy
- Social Issues
- Business Challenges
- Future County Direction

Develop a pool of leaders who are...

- Knowledgeable
- Influential
- Service oriented
- A source of future civic leaders



"Vision was not only quite educational, but inspirational in getting me more involved in the St. Charles County community. Through Vision, I was able to make lasting friendships and relationships that led to the creation of partnerships that have made a significant impact in the lives of youth and families in our County."

Bruce Sowatsky, Executive Director,
The Community and Children's Resource
Board of St. Charles County.

"Being a part of the Vision St. Charles Leadership Class of 1999 - 2000 is an experience that I will never forget. In addition to the wealth of information I gained about our community, I began personal and professional relationships that continue to this day. The time spent was one of the most valuable investments of my career! I encourage you to participate!!"

Jan Dunham, Vice President
US Bank Private Client Group



BUILDING INFLUENTIAL LEADERS

In Business...

In Community...

In Government...

In St. Charles County

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Everyone can have a different VISION of what leadership encompasses. St. Charles County Vision Leadership program endeavors to provide opportunities ranging from management and leadership training sessions, panel discussions featuring community leaders, group interaction, on-site visits and tours, and individual participation.



The Vision program meets once a month for a nine month period. Most sessions meet for a full day. The initial program session begins with an overnight retreat at a local conference facility. Subsequent sessions take place at various locations around the county specifically chosen to highlight the diversity of St. Charles County. The program culminates in an overnight trip to Jefferson City (usually in February) to meet with state legislators and officials as we visit our state capitol. Breakfast at the Governor's Mansion is a frequent favorite.

Participation in the program activities and class project is MANDATORY for successful completion of the program. Some additional time outside of program days may be required when working on class project.

Topics include:

- Civic Leadership
- Tourism
- County Government
- Economic Development
- Health Care
- Social Services
- Education
- Media
- State Government

STEPS FOR ADMISSION

1. Complete an application

Applications are available at our website: www.visionleadership.org.

2. Enclose a tuition check.

Make check payable to Vision St. Charles County Leadership for \$600.

3. Mail application to:

Vision St. Charles County Leadership
P.O. Box 1104
St. Peters, MO 63376

4. Phone Interviews are conducted.

Once all applications are received, an interview is conducted with a member of the Vision board. Candidates will be notified of their acceptance into the program.

Applications will be considered using the following criteria:

- Involvement in professional leadership positions.
- Ability and desire to assume greater leadership responsibility in the community.
- The ability to commit to the program and to participate in all scheduled sessions and activities.
- Commitment of the organization they are representing.
- Personal commitment to ongoing community service involvement.

PROGRAM TUITION

Tuition for the entire nine-month program is \$600. Your tuition includes:

- Opening reception
- Fall retreat accommodations and meals
- All program materials, facility fees and meals.
- State Capitol trip accommodations, transportation and meals.

A limited number of tuition scholarships are available through the Vision program and through local Chambers of Commerce. Please see www.visionleadership.org or your local Chamber of Commerce for additional information.

Please note that tuition is refundable according to the following policy:

A \$25 deposit is required when submitting an application. The deposit will be returned to any applicant that is not accepted. Tuition received from applicants not selected to participate in that year's leadership class will be refunded in full. Tuition received from applicants who are selected, but fail to meet the time commitment and are dismissed from the program will not be refunded.

