

LEADERSHIP BROOKINGS / COUNTY

Participant Application from _____

Mission

LEADERSHIP BROOKINGS/COUNTY is dedicated to supporting the highest quality leadership preparation program for individuals with particular emphasis on specific skills and collaborative leadership seeking positive change in response to civic, governmental, business and industry challenges in the Brookings area.

Program

LEADERSHIP BROOKINGS/COUNTY is a formal educational program intended for Brookings area citizens who have an interest in area communities, their leaders and institutions, their decision-making processes, and/or specific leadership opportunities.

During the program, which is spaced over eight months, participants will learn and practice leadership skills for use in their professional and community service roles. Additionally, participants build a leadership network among current and emerging leaders, learn about community issues, and become familiar with the rewards of community service work.

Purpose

- To identify and develop potential leaders from diverse backgrounds, acquaint them with community issues and make them aware of resources, institutions, individuals, organizations and other entities available for addressing these issues and solving community problems;
- To provide a format within which participants can meet existing community leaders and encourage interaction among them. This interaction will in turn encourage emerging leaders to deepen their involvement in community problem solving;
- To help potential and existing leaders sharpen their leadership skills and improve their effectiveness in interpersonal situations.

Participants

LEADERSHIP BROOKINGS will select 20-24 area people who live or work in Brookings County, and who

- ① Have demonstrated a sincere commitment to and interest in the Brookings area.
- ② Have the potential for further advancement to leadership positions within their own organizations, which may place them in positions to influence important community issues.
- ③ Have the time available to participate in the **LEADERSHIP BROOKINGS** program, and have the complete support of the company or organization she/he represents. *(To successfully complete the program, full attendance at all sessions, including the initial briefing session and final recognition ceremonies, is required. An excused absence for no more than one session, for illness or family emergency, is available.)*
- ④ Represent a cross-section of county population groups, including business, clergy, community and service organizations, education, government, labor, professions, and other groupings, including ethnic, gender, age, and community experience.

CLASS XII APPLICATION
LEADERSHIP BROOKINGS / COUNTY
2007 APPLICATION DEADLINE – August 31, 2007

Instructions

The LEADERSHIP BROOKINGS Application is the primary tool used in participant selection.

- Limit answers to available space. Don't include additional sheets or resumes.
- Applications should be typed or printed legibly. An email attachment (MS Word) is available from the Chamber.
- Applications must be signed by applicant and by applicant's employer.
- Applications must be received by LEADERSHIP BROOKINGS, 2308 6th St., P.O. Box 431, Brookings, SD 57006, with full payment, by the final deadline of August 31, 2007.
- Applicants will be notified by October 7 of the status of their applications.
- All responses will be kept confidential, except that biographical information will be used in the preparation of the group's "yearbook."

Personal Data

Name _____
Last First Middle I. Known As

Birth Date ____/____/____ Male ____ Female ____ Years in Brookings Area _____

Home Address _____
Street City Zip Code Telephone

Do you reside in Brookings County? Yes ___ No ___ Are you employed in Brookings County? Yes ___ No ___

List three (3) Personal and/or Professional References

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Phone</i>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____

Education

(Begin with high school, then college(s), business or trade school(s) and/or other specialized training.

<i>Name, City of School</i>	<i>Degree</i>	<i>Major</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Extracurricular activities and special honors or awards for leadership activities

Occupational Information (if not employed, please check here)

Present Employer _____ Employed here since _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip Code Phone Fax Email

Present Title, or Responsibility _____

Do you anticipate an out-of-area transfer within the next year? Yes ___ No ___

Would out-of-town travel conflict with day-long Leadership sessions one day each month? Yes ___ No ___

Please describe your present job responsibilities

In which *business/professional* organizations have you been involved? (Don't include civic/service organizations, public office or political activities.)

Which of the following categories best describes your present position?

Agriculture ___ Business ___ Clergy ___ Culture/Arts ___
Education ___ Government ___ Health Care ___ Homemaker ___
Human Services ___ Industry ___ Labor ___ Media ___
Professions ___ Non-Profit ___ Retired ___ Other? _____

Present Community Involvement

How much time each month do you devote to civic, professional or other volunteer organizations / activities?

1-2 Hours ___ 3-4 Hours ___ 5-6 Hours ___ 7-8 Hours ___ 9-10 Hours ___ Over 10 Hours ___

Please list *community, civic, religious, other* organizations of which you are or were a member.

Organization	Dates of Membership	Office / Positions Held

Please describe the achievements of these groups and explain your contribution(s) to them.

Would you describe how and/or why your service and leadership work has encouraged you to extend your knowledge and skills through the *LEADERSHIP BROOKINGS* program? Yes ___ No ___ If Yes, please describe:

Please check the areas of leadership or service that interest you.

Arts, Cultural Activities ___ Children, youth, families ___ City Boards, committees ___

Communications, PR____	Facilitation, Issue analysis____	School to Careers____
Community Development____	Government, public policy____	Student Assimilation (to community)____
Diversity, minority issues____	Health, Health Care Issues____	Workforce Development____
Economic Development____	Land Use____	Other. Specify_____
Education, Training____	Recreation and events____	_____
Environmental Issues____	Retaining Graduates____	_____

Tuition

For final acceptance as a LEADERSHIP BROOKINGS participant, the \$400 tuition fee (for program coordination, meeting rooms, luncheons, materials, break refreshments and the recognition ceremonies next Spring for you and your spouse/guest) must be paid fully by August 31, 2007.

Tuition will be paid by: *Applicant's Portion* – \$_____ *Employer / Sponsor Portion* – \$_____

Partial tuition scholarships may be available. Will you need scholarship assistance? Yes___ No___

Commitment

To receive a certificate of completion from LEADERSHIP BROOKINGS, participants are expected to attend all sessions in their entirety, including the introductory session, the working luncheons the final recognition ceremonies, and at least one public meeting* during the 2007-08 Leadership program. Sessions will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., usually on the 1st or 2nd Thursdays: Nov. 1 and Dec. 6, 2007, and on Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 13, Apr. 10 and May 8, 2008. The date of the February session may change to accommodate the Day at the Capitol in Pierre. The introductory session will be on Oct. 25 at 3:00 p.m. The recognition ceremonies will be in May, 2008.

* The public meeting may be that of an area municipality's governing body, the county commission or school board. A written summary of the meeting will be evidence of participation in this component.

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT: I understand the purposes of LEADERSHIP BROOKINGS, and if I am selected, I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the program. Even though emergencies do arise, I understand that if I miss **more than one of these sessions, or parts of sessions that comprise more than three of its topics,** I am not eligible to receive the Certificate of Completion or a refund of tuition.

I understand the above commitments and agree to be bound by them in signing this application.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Employer / Sponsor Commitment

This applicant has our complete support, including the days away from work (above) required to participate in the program and the tuition payment that we have agreed to as noted above.

Employer Name _____

Authorized Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

**Mail this completed application to
LEADERSHIP BROOKINGS
P.O. Box 431
Brookings, SD 57006**

Direct questions to the Brookings Chamber office, 605.692.6125, or chamber@brookings.net

For applications received with a \$100 non-refundable deposit by May 31, 2007, tuition is reduced by 10% to \$360.

The final Application Deadline is August 31, 2007.