



CLASS OF 2013 APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS

Type or print in ink. The application is available electronically. Call 360.395.8727 or email Kathryn Bennett, Director, at bennettrk@comcast.net to have the application sent to you as a Word document. Please complete each section fully. **Application must be signed by both the applicant and the employer/sponsor (if applicable) and postmarked or received no later than 5:00 pm on June 4, 2012** (to the address on last page of application). **Please enclose a \$25 nonrefundable application fee payable to the EDASC Foundation.** Résumés are not accepted in lieu of this application.

EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT

A discount of \$100 is given to applications postmarked or received by 5 pm on May 14, 2012.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The participants will be selected based on criteria including commitment to community involvement, evidence of interest in using leadership skills, and professional and personal involvement. Because diversity is a core value of Leadership Skagit, participants will reflect diverse age, employment, ethnic, professional and geographic backgrounds. Leadership Skagit does not discriminate against applicants and participants on the basis of race, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, physical ability or occupation. All applications will be handled in the strictest confidence.

TUITION

Tuition for each selected participant in Leadership Skagit is \$1,450 of which at least ten per cent must be paid by the participant personally. Tuition is payable upon receipt of invoice after acceptance into the program and must be paid on or before July 24, 2012. Tuition is non-refundable. Leadership Skagit has limited tuition assistance and payment plans available; for a Tuition Assistance/Payment Plan Request Form, call Kathryn Bennett, Director, at 395-8727 or go to our website www.leadershopskagit.org. Neither your request for tuition assistance nor payment plan options will impact the review of your application.

TIME COMMITMENT

Class participants are expected to:

- Attend a full-day orientation on **September 14, 2012 (Mandatory)**
- Attend a 2-day overnight retreat on **October 4 & 5, 2012 (Mandatory)**
- Attend all full day sessions from 8am to 5pm:

November 9, 2012	February 8, 2013	May 10, 2013
December 7, 2012	March 8, 2013	June 7, 2013
January 18, 2013	April 12, 2013	
- Participate in **Project Presentation Rehearsals on June 12, 2013 (Mandatory)** and the **Project Presentations and Graduation Banquet on June 19, 2013 (Mandatory)**.
- Participate in all class and team projects which will require time outside of class.
- Participate in planning of future Leadership Skagit programs.

I. PERSONAL DATA

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Mailing Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip Code)

Home E-mail _____ Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Optional Information: Your response to the following questions will help us understand the demographics of our application pool; however, you are not required to complete this section.

Age _____ Length of Residence in Skagit County _____

Are you a Veteran? _____ Ethnic Origin _____

Hobbies/Interests _____

II EDUCATION

(Please list your high school and any college/training experience, degrees or certificates earned.)

III EMPLOYMENT

Business/Organization _____

Title/Position/Responsibility _____

Business Mailing Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip Code)

Business Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Number of years you have worked for this company _____

***If you have been with this company less than two years or if you are retired, where did you work before and in what position?*

IV COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

A. We would like to know more about the community and/or business involvement of the incoming class. Please share a bit with us about your activities and interests (work, community, religious, political, social, etc).

B. How much time do you currently spend on volunteer work of any kind (per month or per year)?

C. What do you hope to gain from your experience with Leadership Skagit?

D. What do you hope to contribute to Leadership Skagit?

V. YOUR THOUGHTS AND PERSPECTIVES

One of the goals of Leadership Skagit is to build a network of community leaders who enhance their problem-solving and other leadership skills by sharing perspectives and working together. To get you thinking about leadership, please provide a brief response to these questions.

A. What do you believe are the three most notable opportunities and /or strengths of Skagit County?

B. What do you believe are the three most significant problems facing Skagit County now?

C. What suggestions do you have to address these problems and/or to improve upon our county's strengths?

D. What do you believe is the most significant leadership quality necessary to bring about positive change within Skagit County?

PERSONAL COMMITMENT

TIME: The time commitment is essential. There are thirteen days in the program: the kick-off, the two-day (overnight) retreat, eight challenge days, and the project presentation rehearsals/project presentations and graduation day. **To graduate from Leadership Skagit, a participant is expected to attend ALL sessions.** In addition, work with the project teams requires time outside of these thirteen days (regular meetings and work sessions). Leadership Skagit recognizes that emergencies do arise and is willing to accommodate some special circumstances; LS Board members will meet with any participant with more than 8 hours absence to discuss options.

TUITION & FEES: Applications are due by 5 pm, June 4, 2012, with a \$25 non-refundable handling fee enclosed. Tuition for Leadership Skagit 2013 is \$1,450 and is due by July 24, 2012. There is a \$100 tuition discount when applications are received by May 14, 2012. All participants are expected to pay at least 10% of the tuition themselves (even if a business or organization is willing to fund the remainder). **The participant is responsible to ensure that all tuition monies are paid to Leadership Skagit (or a payment plan is approved) by July 24, 2012.** Tuition payment plans and tuition assistance forms are available on request.

COMMITMENT: I understand the purposes of the Leadership Skagit program and if I am selected, I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete this program, including class time, out-of-class time, and tuition. I understand that participation will require attending sessions and meetings throughout Skagit County. I understand that any participant missing more than eight hours may be asked to withdraw from the program and that no portion of the tuition shall be refunded. I agree to support and follow the ground rules as developed by the class and all policies and all requirements of the program. **I understand the above commitment and agree to be bound by it by signing this application.**

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

EMPLOYER/SPONSOR COMMITMENT

(If the participant is employed by someone other than him/herself, then please have the employer complete this section).

This application has the approval of this organization/business and the applicant has our full support. We understand that the applicant is required to attend all days of the program and will have other meetings to attend to complete a community project. **We support the time and effort of the applicant to successfully complete this program.**

Employer's Signature

Date

Organization/Business

Phone Number

**Mail this Application to:
Leadership Skagit
PO Box 40,
Mount Vernon, WA 98273**

OR

**E-mail this Application to:
bennettrk@comcast.net**