



# Ventura County Leadership Academy

**COHORT XIX  
APPLICATION**

# VENTURA COUNTY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

- Improve your leadership skills
- Examine Community issues
- Meet with decision-makers
- Make lifelong friendships
- Build a better community

*“The Ventura County Leadership Academy develops leaders whose actions improve the quality of life throughout Ventura County”*

VCLA is the only **countywide** community leadership program available in Ventura County. The program involves participants in practical and experiential activities that provide communication and interaction opportunities with key decision-makers in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. It is a ten-month program that includes one full-day session each month from September through June.

The VCLA curriculum is updated each year to address those timely issues most important to the county. In the program, participants are involved with: an opening session; a series of day-long focus sessions which address issues including housing, transportation, agriculture, economic development, education, governance, health care, housing, local demographics, nonprofits and volunteerism, cultural arts and public safety; a two-and-a-half-day trip to Sacramento to study current legislative issues; an immersion activity; and a group project that is designed and implemented by each cohort.

# VENTURA COUNTY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (VCLA) APPLICATION FOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM CLASS XIX (2013-2014)

The purpose of the Ventura County Leadership Academy is to develop leaders whose actions improve the quality of life throughout Ventura County

Please fill in the requested information on this form. Use additional sheets as necessary to answer questions completely.  
Notes referring to a resume will not be accepted.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR APPLYING FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSONAL DATA

Name (Last, First, Middle I.) \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (Zip)

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Length of residence in Ventura County \_\_\_\_\_ Do you expect to be living/working in this area in 5 years? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you become aware of the Ventura County Leadership Academy?

\_\_\_\_\_ Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Internet

\_\_\_\_\_ Newspaper

\_\_\_\_\_ Other, please list \_\_\_\_\_

## EMPLOYMENT

Current employer/occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Date of employment \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of business \_\_\_\_\_ Your title \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of your professional activities, including managerial and supervisory responsibilities:

**Participants may miss no more than two sessions in order to graduate. Please discuss this application with your employer/supervisor to ensure that you will have sufficient time to participate in the program and fulfill the necessary requirements to graduate.**

Previous employment in past 5 years (begin with most recent).

Employer	Title or Responsibility	Dates of Employment

**ORGANIZATIONS, ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT**

List, in order of importance to you, up to six community, civic, professional, business, religious, social, athletic and/or other organizations of which you are or have been a member. Describe the nature of your participation, responsibilities, accomplishments and awards/recognition you received.

Name of Organization	Organizational Purpose	Dates	Level of Participation

**What do you consider to be your most significant contribution to any one of the organizations?**

**EDUCATION**

Include professional education, if any, beyond highest degree received. Do not use acronyms. You may include “life skills” type of training in this section. Begin with most recent program of study.

Institution (School/College)	Location	Dates	Major	Degree Obtained

## **GENERAL**

Please answer the following questions and limit your responses to one page total.

1. Why are you applying for VCLA? How do you hope to benefit from and contribute to the program?
2. Identify two significant problems facing Ventura County today that you would like to help solve.
3. Describe the contribution you could make to solve ONE of the two problems listed above.

## **TUITION/APPLICATION:**

Tuition per participant in the Ventura County Leadership Academy is **\$1250**. If accepted, you will be required to pay a deposit of \$250 within 30 days of acceptance or two weeks before the start of the cohort, whichever comes first.

How will your tuition be paid?

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Personally \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

All applications will be reviewed by a selection committee. Candidates will then be interviewed by members of a selection panel. Participants will be notified of their acceptance by the Administrative Director.

Cohort XIX will be limited to 30 participants.

Please submit your application along with the **\$25** application fee to:

**VCLA 4001 Mission Oaks Blvd. Suite E, Camarillo, CA 93012**

Or, electronically to: [jill.shaffer@vcunitedway.org](mailto:jill.shaffer@vcunitedway.org)

If you have questions, please contact **Jill Shaffer** at the above email address

or

(805) 485-6288 x260 (work) or (805) 207-0151 (cell)

**Thank you for applying to the Ventura County Leadership Academy.**



# **Ventura County Leadership Academy**

The Ventura County Leadership Academy is an initiative of the  
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