



Ventura County  
Leadership Academy

**COHORT XXIII  
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 – Connecting People and Issues to Strengthen our County”*

Ventura County Leadership Academy is the only **countywide** community leadership program available in Ventura County. VCLA connects and cultivates a diverse network of passionate, capable leaders through an immersion in both critical issues shaping Ventura County and opportunities for personal and professional growth. VCLA’s comprehensive program ignites awareness and inspiration, helping cohort members discover their individual pathway toward impacting our region.

*Specific objectives of the Ventura County Leadership Academy are:*

- *To create a leadership development program incorporating, business, social services, education, community, government, and cultural issues throughout Ventura County;*
- *To promote the inclusion of diverse groups of individuals;*
- *To broaden the awareness, understanding and appreciation of a variety of critical issues affecting life in Ventura County, through contacts with community leaders, and participation in workshops, field studies, and related programs.*

The curriculum includes focus sessions on public safety, education, economic development, water, transportation, health care, nonprofits and volunteerism, the environment, agriculture and land use, regional issues, and governance. The sessions are interactive with open dialogue between presenters and program participants. Participants also conduct site visits and field trips as part of background research on the various topics of discussion. . It is a nine-month program that includes one full-day session each month from September through May and also includes a two-and-a-half day trip to Sacramento to study current legislative issues and an immersion activity.

# VENTURA COUNTY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (VCLA) APPLICATION FOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM CLASS XXIII (2017-2018)

The purpose of the Ventura County Leadership Academy is to connect people and issues to strengthen our 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? \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity/Ethnicities with which you identify (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 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. What do you consider to be your most significant contribution to any one of your organizations listed?
2. Why are you applying for VCLA? How do you hope to benefit from and contribute to the program?
3. Identify two significant problems facing Ventura County today that you would like to help solve
4. 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 **\$1500**. 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. \* Limited assistance is available for tuition through our Cohort Assistance Program (C.A.P.) once accepted to the program.

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 a VCLA Board Representative.

**There are limited spots available, so please**

**APPLY EARLY!**

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

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

Or, electronically to: [info@vclleadership.org](mailto:info@vclleadership.org)

If you have questions, please contact **VCLA** at the above email address or  
805-665-3504

The Ventura County Leadership Academy is a non-profit organization

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



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