

What do you consider your greatest career achievement to date?

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What do you consider your most important contribution to the community?

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In your opinion, what are the most pressing problems facing Miami-Dade County today?

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What would you propose in order to address **one** of these problems?

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What specific skills/knowledge do you hope to gain as a participant?

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What contributions do you feel you could make to the Leadership Miami program?

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

Please provide any other information you feel is relevant and would be helpful to the selection committee in evaluating your application.

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This program will require your attendance at the two-day opening conference (all day Friday and Saturday), at five Focus Sessions (one Saturday per month - all day), the Closing Conference and participation with your Team in a community service project. Additional time commitments may be required in order to fulfill the community service project. By signing this application, you indicate that you are fully aware of the time commitment that will be required as a participant in the Leadership Miami program and will abide by those requirements and fully participate in the program to the best of your abilities.

All applicants are subject to a confidential evaluation. If you are not selected to participate, you may reapply to next year's program.

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

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DATE SIGNED

# LEADERSHIP

## LEADERSHIP miami

open your eyes, we'll open the doors



"Leadership Miami is a true asset to our community. As a graduate, I value greatly my own experience in the program. The commitment to promote active involvement in civic life is one that will have a meaningful and lasting impact for all of Miami."  
*Mayor Manny Diaz, City of Miami*



"The Leadership Miami experience showed me we have the potential to become a world-class community. It inspired me to get involved and to encourage others to get involved, to take part in shaping the future of what we can and must become."  
*Marta Gutierrez, The Gutierrez Group*



"LM is a MUST for aspiring business and civic leaders. Since 1979, LM and the GMCC have mentored a diverse group of potential leaders who today hold high profile assignments in the business, government and non-profit sectors."  
*Peter W. Roulhac, Wachovia National Bank, N.A.*

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"Leadership Miami is, to those who have had the fortunate opportunity, a watershed experience. In just a few months, it delivers to each participant wisdom and knowledge that would take years to discover on your own."  
Art Noriega, Miami Parking Authority



"After living here for years, I went through LM. Before, I couldn't see the forest for the trees. I just didn't get it. LM opened my eyes and I finally understood and appreciated the lushness and the richness of our community."  
Basil M. Bernard, Apricot Office Supplies & Stationery



"Leadership Miami shows you a Miami you would never experience otherwise. It expands your horizons professionally and personally."  
Susan Potter Norton, Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A.



"LM is a springboard to success. It provided me a great opportunity to network and learn about Miami on a business, cultural and political level. LM is, in my opinion, the best organization in Miami."  
Denise Mincey-Mills, Turner Construction Company



"For over twenty years, Leadership Miami has motivated those that would become the future leaders of this community to action. If Miami is your home, you are committed to its betterment and you want to be involved in its leadership, this is your call to action."  
Philip Blumberg, American Ventures Corporation

Leadership Miami is an annual program sponsored by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce (GMCC) and several of Miami-Dade County's premier companies, local agencies and corporations. The program is targeted toward men and women committed to making our community the best it can be. The program offers its members the opportunity to meet

Miami's leaders and to share an intensive learning experience that focuses on community issues and leadership skills.

Opportunities for interaction among the diverse members and community leaders is encouraged in discussion groups and social settings. Leadership Miami was founded in 1979 by

Bill Colson, a dedicated civic

leader, founder of the law firm of Colson Hicks Eidson Matthews and past Chairman of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. His vision for the future of Miami is kept alive with each graduating class of Leadership Miami.

Our mission is to cultivate leaders from all segments of our community by educating, developing and encouraging individuals to be active leaders in their community and in the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce

### OPENING CONFERENCE

During the two-day opening conference, community leaders, government officials and prominent business executives present their individual perspectives on a wide variety of topics. All the presentations are followed by question and answer sessions and small group discussions among the participants. Led by recent graduates who serve as facilitators, leadership skills form a basic component of the group workshops.

### FOCUS SESSIONS & CLOSING CONFERENCE

To encourage further exploration and action related to specific community issues and to encourage the development of leadership skills, additional sessions are held on Saturdays, each month, following the Opening Conference. The year concludes with a day of celebration dedicated to a review of the year, the presentation of team projects, and graduation certificates. The Carlos J. Arboleya Community Service Award is presented to the outstanding participant chosen by peers, facilitators and committee members. The Bill Colson Award is presented to an alumnus who has provided consistent leadership in creating community understanding and enhancing the quality of life for a broad cross-section of the total community.

### COMMUNITY PROJECTS

A most important, and oftentimes most rewarding, part of Leadership Miami and a requirement for completion of the program is the participation by all members in a volunteer service project of their team's choosing. The purpose of this portion of the program is to broaden the participants' awareness of community needs and facilitate their involvement in local volunteer programs.

### ALUMNI ACTIVITIES & NETWORKING

Leadership Miami is governed by an executive committee, responsible for administering the program each year. The committee is comprised of alumni who have truly taken an active role in the program. Upon graduation, all participants receive a limited complimentary membership to the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. Graduates are invited to participate in the planning and implementation of the program at the Goal's Conference. Throughout the year, social events are planned to encourage participants and alumni to meet and build friendships based on dedication to community service and to Miami. *Up Close and Personal*, a series of small, roundtable discussions with prominent leaders addressing current topics are held for both class participants and alumni.

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Each year Leadership Miami offers corporations and organizations the opportunity to sponsor. The financial support of sponsors is vital to the success of our program. The sponsoring organization is guaranteed the selection of at least two designated participants, as well as ensuring that the organization's name appears on all Leadership Miami program literature. For more information regarding sponsorship or additional information on this program in general, please contact the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.

# LEADERSHIP miami APPLICATION

The following biographical information is requested from all applicants. Please list the information as you would like it to appear in the class yearbook. You may download this application from the Chamber's website: [www.greatermiami.com](http://www.greatermiami.com), or attach your typed information to this application form.

## EMPLOYMENT SECTION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been employed there? \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business phone \_\_\_\_\_ fax \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a passport size head and shoulders photograph here. It will be used in the class yearbook, so quality is important. **Be sure to put your name on the back of the photo. Do not glue or staple the photo.**

## PERSONAL SECTION

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ fax \_\_\_\_\_ cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived in Miami-Dade County? \_\_\_\_\_

Education (Begin with highest level completed)

School	Dates	Degree
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Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate information listed below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Male   | <input type="checkbox"/> Anglo    | <input type="checkbox"/> African American       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Female | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian        |
|                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other    | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander |

## ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES SECTION

List in order of importance to you, any civic, community, political, professional, religious, or other organization in which you are currently or have recently been involved.

Organization	Membership Dates	Position Held
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Do you hold a leadership role within one of the organizations listed? If so, describe how you demonstrated leadership.

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