

# GULF COAST LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

An initiative of Gulf Coast Community Foundation

## Overview

*Gulf Coast Leadership Institute* is designed to identify and develop aspiring, emerging, and experienced leaders who reflect the diversity of our region. For the 2017 class, up to 25 people will be selected to participate in leadership development sessions over a three-month period. Class members will take part in experiential small and large group activities that prepare them to become knowledgeable, skilled, and action-oriented leaders in their communities. Gulf Coast has commissioned the J.W. Fanning Institute of the University of Georgia to provide this comprehensive training at no cost to participants.

*Gulf Coast Leadership Institute* participants receive:

- a full leadership development program led by the nationally recognized Fanning Institute;
- the chance to become part of a close-knit and diverse group of emerging leaders;
- the leadership skills and resources necessary to positively impact the community.

## 2017 Class Schedule

*Gulf Coast Leadership Institute* will meet as follows:

Friday, May 5 Noon – 8:00 p.m.	<b>Opening Retreat</b> Understanding Leadership Myers-Briggs
Saturday, May 6 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Communicating Effectively
Friday, May 19 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Making Group Decisions
Friday, June 2 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Managing Conflict
Friday, June 16 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Valuing Community Diversity
Friday, June 30 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Building Community Through Collaboration
Friday, July 14 8:30 a.m. – noon	Leading Community Change
Noon – 2:00 p.m.	Graduation

*Opening Retreat will take place at Sarasota Opera House, 61 N. Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota.*

*All other sessions will take place at Venetian River Club located at 502 Veneto Boulevard, North Venice.*

**Selection Process**

*Gulf Coast Leadership Institute* class participants will be selected with the intent of creating a diverse group of individuals from the public, private, and independent sectors that represent the region. Participants will be selected based on their leadership potential, desire to become a leader, and involvement in community or professional organizations. Participants should possess a personal commitment to use their leadership skills through community service for the long-term benefit of the community.

***Selected individuals will be required to participate fully in all training sessions.***

**Application Timeline**

Applications are currently accessible through Gulf Coast's website at [GulfCoastCF.org](http://GulfCoastCF.org).

**Friday, March 24, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. EST**  
**Second week of April 2017**

**Application deadline**  
**Applicant notification**

If you have any additional questions about *Gulf Coast Leadership Institute*, please contact Mandi Arthur at [marthur@gulfcoastcf.org](mailto:marthur@gulfcoastcf.org) or 941.486.4568.