

Leadership program accepting applications

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Fayetteville and Cumberland County residents have a golden opportunity to get more involved in the community by participating in the Institute for Community Leadership program. The ICL, now in its 10th year, is accepting applications for its 11th class.

The ICL is Fayetteville and Cumberland County's joint community leadership program. It is designed to provide local citizens the opportunity to participate in activities leading to community leadership, volunteer service and membership on local boards and commissions.

Participants attend leadership enhancement activities, which includes daylong monthly interactions with community leaders from September through April (excluding December).

ICL is sponsored by six agencies: The city of Fayetteville, Cumberland County, Cumberland County Public Schools, Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville Technical Community College and Methodist University. With this sponsorship, participants can join ICL at no cost to them.

During the program, participants discover opportunities to participate in key community decisions, discuss local issues with

community leaders, find volunteer leadership and service positions that best fit their interest while they polish their leadership abilities and build relationships with others who are committed to the community.

If you are interested in applying to ICL, there are several requirements, which include: Completion of an application, registration as a Cumberland County voter, sincere commitment to serve the community, agreement to attend each session and willingness to pursue an appointment to a governmental or community board or commission or other community leadership or service role.

Please take a few moments to watch the ICL video, which will air on FayTV7 through the month of June. The video can also be viewed on the City's YouTube website at <http://youtu.be/IT9tPv5q370>

The deadline to apply for ICL is July 11. To apply, log onto www.leadership4us.org to obtain an application form.

For more information about ICL, please contact me at 433-1674 or ALewis@ci.fay.nc.us.

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