

APPLICANT AGREEMENT AND COMMITMENT

The Institute for the Development of Emerging Area Leaders (IDEAL) is an investment that will return benefits indefinitely to participants, their organizations, and their communities. The IDEAL program is designed to further the knowledge and enhance the leadership skills of individuals who have already demonstrated an interest in community activities. **The program requires participants to commit to 100% attendance at all seminars and for the scheduled times. Absences will not be permitted unless discussed with program staff in advance.** Extended seminars are held Thursdays through Saturdays and two-day sessions take place on Fridays and Saturdays.

The cost of the IDEAL program is \$7,500. If you require a scholarship, please indicate the level of assistance needed: ___ Partial ___ Full (Scholarships will be discussed in the interview process and selection).

Your signature below indicates that if selected, you understand **attendance at all seminars** is required and any absences must be discussed with, and approved in advance by, program staff. You also acknowledge all days necessitating absence from your place of employment must be approved by your employer. Please contact Manuel Alvarado at the Great Valley Center at (209) 522-5103 if you have any questions.

► (Applicant) I, _____, understand if chosen for the 2010 IDEAL program, I am expected to attend all of the seminars listed below. I have discussed all time needed for this purpose with my employer and have received the signed Employer Release Form indicating my employer's support of full participation in the program. I understand an unexcused absence may be grounds for dismissal from the program and I, and/or my employer, will be invoiced for any displaced scholarship amount.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Each finalist must attend an interview session on November 6th or 7th, 2009 in Modesto. IDEAL extended seminars begin at 12:00 p.m. on Thursdays and end on Saturday evenings at approximately 5:00 p.m. Two-day seminars begin at 8:00 a.m. on Fridays and end on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

January 7-9, 2010	- People and the Economy – Modesto
February 11-13, 2010	- Agriculture, Land Use, and Water – Tulare/Hanford
March 12-13, 2010	- Health Care and Education – Fresno
April 9-10, 2010	- Resources and the Environment – Redding
May 4-6, 2010	- GVC Conference/IDEAL Seminar - Sacramento
June 4-5, 2010	- Transportation/IDEAL Debrief – Chico
June 12, 2010	- Graduation - Modesto

INTERVIEW TIME SELECTION

Applications will be reviewed and finalists will be invited to participate in interviews for program selection on November 6th or 7th, 2009 in Modesto. In the event you are selected as a finalist, please indicate the interview time block that best works with your schedule. You are required to stay for the length of time indicated in each block.

- November 6th – 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. November 7th – 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
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All finalists will be contacted by an IDEAL staff member who will provide additional instructions and verify the interview appointment time.