

# **FOCUSED Forums for the Next Generation**

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Getting the next generation of emerging leaders educated to the *real world* of business beyond their academic experience is a challenge that can become overwhelming for most small and mid-size businesses. These up-and-coming leaders need specific training that can provide the knowledge and tools to help them build a solid foundation that will lead to success in their roles as young leaders.

By working in a facilitated group environment with other non-competing businesses, the next generation of emerging leaders learn through a series of workshops that address every aspect of business. The learning is then reinforced by discussing actual experiences and practical applications with other forum members.

#### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

With the completion of this program, members will be able to:

- Have a clear understanding of each aspect of the business, and how they are all interconnected and reliant on each other.
- Identify how a company culture is developed and how creating a healthy culture can have a positive impact on bottom line performance.
- Demonstrate confidence, ask better questions, and learn how to prioritize.
- Recognize key elements of financial reports, legal contracts, and policies, how and where they are applied, and their importance in the business.
- Build business and marketing plans, and learn how to effectively use these tools in the business.
- Understand how personality styles can impact communication and leadership effectiveness.
- Leverage their knowledge and skills to strengthen areas of the business in which they are accountable.
- Establish and maintain crucial support relationships with banks, insurance agencies, suppliers, etc.

#### **DURATION**

FOCUSED Forums for the Next Generation is a one year program in which members meet for one-half day per month.

As part of the forum, we also provide 1:1 coaching and mentoring to members on an as needed basis.

#### **TARGET AUDIENCE**

FOCUSED Forums for the Next Generation is recommended for family and non-family members being groomed for key leadership roles. For consideration, candidates must have completed their post-secondary education, and have at least 1 year of experience working in the company.

Member companies represent non-competing businesses from most major industries.

## **GROUP SIZE**

We facilitate FOCUSED Forums for the Next Generation in groups starting at 8 to as many as 12 participants.

#### **KEY OUTCOMES**

- Increased confidence.
- Increased critical thinking skills.
- Increased business acumen.

# WHAT CLIENTS ARE SAYING

In the speed of business today, consistent mentoring of potential leaders is a challenge. Emerging Leaders expedited this process for me and took pressure off the owner. In addition, sharing challenges and solutions in a confidential group of peers is an invaluable experience and can apply to any industry. Without the help from my Emerging Leaders group, I would not be as successful in my role today.