



Building Community Excellence One Leader at a Time  
**APPLICATION PACKET**  
2021-2022

Due: August 25, 2021

**\*\*\*Early Bird**– July 30, 2021

**Building Community Leadership**

**Are you ready for a new professional or personal challenge?**

**Is it time to reinvest in yourself?**

**Are you hoping to be more involved in the community?**

**Would you like to learn more about our great community of Hutchinson?**

The Hutchinson Leadership Institute is hosted by the Hutchinson Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism. This comprehensive program is designed to build community leaders. The Institute provides participants with a unique opportunity to turn knowledge into action through classroom experiences, hands-on activities, and a variety of assessment tools.

This program has had the great privilege of providing community information and leadership training to over 760 graduates, for the past 32 years. Like any good leader, we don't maintain the status quo. Each year the program undergoes format and curriculum changes in an effort to improve the quality of the experience.

Over the period of nine months, participants will experience 10 days of training, and classes. Each participant will be assigned to a project group, which will assess community needs, determine a project, and facilitate the project by working with other community members and/or groups.

Group work will culminate with a group project presentation at graduation.



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Participation in this program will allow you to:

- Sharpen your leadership skills
- Build personal and professional relationships, creating a broader exchange of ideas
- Create meaningful outcomes for your team
- Communicate effectively with others
- Thoughtfully utilize team members' skills and diversity
- Improve and acquire new leadership perspectives and competencies
- Interact with local leaders
- Increase your awareness of local issues
- Have a better understanding of the fabric of the Hutchinson area community
- Become familiar with the countless opportunities available for involvement
- Experience Hutchinson through the eyes of civic, non-profit and business leaders
- Work with a project group to enhance life in Hutchinson

Here's what past participants have said after going through the program:

"I have been through many leadership classes in my life and this class far exceeds any and all I have ever participated in. Thank you for this opportunity to grow and meet these others that are now like family. This was amazing on all levels!!!! Blown Away!!!"

"This program made me realize my potential for growth, both personally and professionally, outside my current circle of influence."

"Leadership Institute has given me an opportunity to learn some new things about myself and the community, as well as given me a wake-up call on some things I have just taken for granted."

"The Leadership class means more self confidence in the workplace and my personal life. I enjoyed getting to know my classmates and building relationships."

"Everyone who lives in Hutchinson should HAVE to take this class. I learned so much more than I imagined."

# Applicant General Information

PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred First Name (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

Business /Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best email for communication: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Leadership Institute Program? Choose all that apply.

- Friend(s)    Past Participants    Chamber Newsletter    Design Team Member (steering)
- Employer    Social Media    Other \_\_\_\_\_

What are three leadership traits you feel you currently possess?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What are three leadership traits you wish to develop?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What do you think are the top three issues facing Hutchinson?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What do you think are three great opportunities Hutchinson has to offer?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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320-587-5252 ExploreHutchinson.com

**Early-Bird Deadline: July 30, 2021 Final Deadline: August 25, 2021**  
Questions? Call 320-587-5252 or mary@explorehutchinson.com



**SPONSOR FORM** \* IF you do not have a sponsor, please leave this form blank.

We thank you for your willingness to support a participant in the Hutchinson Leadership Institute. Your role as a sponsor is vital to the success of this program.

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business /Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best email for communication: \_\_\_\_\_

**About your Institute Applicant:**

Why do you feel they would be a good candidate for the class?

Why do you hope they will gain from participating in the class?

**Your Sponsor Commitment**

**I have discussed with the applicant the expectations of time, and the commitment of our organization to support them, allowing them time to be at ALL SESSIONS, September through May. I understand the financial commitment and deadlines associated with payment for this program.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Sponsor Details**

We highly recommend a sponsor for each participant. Sponsors have an indirect and positive influence on the participant's experience. As a sponsor, you will receive occasional updates throughout the year.

**SAVE THE DATES**

Please join us for these special events:  
September 29- 7:30am– Opening Breakfast\* dependent on Covid guidelines  
May 19– Closing Banquet and Graduation 5:30pm