



Building Community Excellence One Leader at a Time 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?

2024-2025 Application Packet

*****Early Bird DEADLINE– July 12, 2024**

Applicants are reviewed and accepted in order of received applications.
(the past several years we have had a waiting list)

- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ 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.

This program has had the great privilege of providing community information and leadership training to over 800 graduates, for the past 35 years. Each year the program undergoes format and curriculum changes in an effort to improve the quality of the experience and address changes in the business environment.

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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 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."

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Applicant General Information

PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

First and Last Name

Preferred Pronouns

Preferred First Name (if different than above)

Business /Organization Name

Job Title

Business Phone

Mobile Phone

Best email for communication

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. -----

Please share any special needs or circumstances we should be aware of to make your experience as successful as possible:

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 -----

Commitment and Expectations

Attendance:

Participants are expected to attend all sessions.

Participants missing more than one of the ten sessions, will not be eligible to receive a completion certificate.

*****Carefully consider your availability to meet on the dates outlined for the program.**

September 26*& 27	December 18	March 19
October 16	January 15	April 16
November 20	February 19	May 21*

With some exceptions, classes will run from 8:30am-4pm.

Sept 28: 7:30am May 21: also our evening banquet

Group Projects:

In addition to the monthly sessions, you will be part of a community service project group. Time commitment will be determined by a consensus of the members in your small group. There will be time allowed during some monthly sessions for project discussions.

YOUR PERSONAL COMMITMENT

I have read the Hutchinson Leadership Institute materials and have made appropriate arrangements for program time commitments, including adding all dates to my personal and professional calendars. I agree to participate in ALL program sessions.

Name- Printed	Signature	Date
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Tuition:	Hutchinson Chamber Members	Non-Members
Early-Bird Tuition: Due July 12, 2024	\$550	\$800
Regular Pricing	\$600	\$900

Registrations received by the early-bird deadline will be charged the lesser rate.

ALL Tuition MUST BE PAID-IN-FULL by September 2, 2024

Scholarships- Limited program scholarships may be available for approved candidates that demonstrate a clear need for tuition assistance. If accepted into the Hutchinson Leadership Institute, do you wish to apply for tuition assistance? Yes_____ No_____

Payment Information:

___ Included in Chamber membership ___ Invoice Business (Chamber Members only)
 ___ Check Enclosed: Made out to Hutchinson Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism
 ___ Credit Card Exp. Date _____ CVV _____ Billing Zip Code _____
 Card # _____
 Authorized Signature: _____

Sponsor Form

*it is highly recommended you have a sponsor to support you through the program

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.

Participant Name: _____

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?

What 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 26: 7:30am– Opening Breakfast May 21: Banquet & Graduation 5:30pm