

A Community Based Leadership Program

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LEADERSHIP PROSPECTUS

What: A leadership program designed to enable candidates to learn about Albert Lea/Freeborn County resources, values, strengths, weaknesses, and challenges. A learning experience geared toward providing an intense look at the business community, politics, education, quality of life, health care, human services, law, media, diversity, and/or other topics inherent in our community. This program will provide opportunities for candidates to exchange ideas, build networks and begin the process of identifying and solving important community issues.

Who: A pool of candidates who are current or prospective leaders in the community of Albert Lea/Freeborn County. Candidates are drawn from business, industry, education, public and private agencies, civic groups, and virtually all other facets of the professional community. Class size will be limited.

Program Development: A Chamber-designated "Leadership Steering Committee" oversees the development of the LEADERSHIP Program. Riverland Community College and the Chamber will assist with individual seminar curriculum development in cooperation with designated day-leaders.

Where: This localized program was designed by the Albert Lea / Freeborn County Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with Riverland Community College and its Training and Development Department. All sessions are facilitated locally and focus on topics directly affecting our community. Seminars are held at a different location each session.

Why: To develop candidate knowledge and understanding of our community ... its complexities and its potential. To provide an opportunity for participants to meet and exchange ideas with each other and current community leaders. The intent is to motivate and encourage participants to assume individual leadership roles in community affairs.

How: A series of topical seminars held over a nine-month period and conducted by local, regional, and nationally known professionals. The bulk of the instructional staff is drawn from volunteers in the Albert Lea/Freeborn County community.

Cost: \$650.00 - Tuition is payable at the time a participant is accepted to candidacy. Scholarship opportunities are available.

When: Monthly sessions run August through June on the third Tuesday of each month. A closing work session and graduation program is held in June.

ATTENDANCE AND MEETING DATES

LEADERSHIP requires a serious commitment of time and energy. Candidates meet for a full day each month, meeting August through June. Attendance at the work sessions and all day program meetings is imperative. Class participants are expected to attend all sessions with the exception of an extreme emergency or illness. Any sessions missed must be made up the following year in order for a participant to graduate from the program.

Leadership Objectives

VISION STATEMENT:

Freeborn County will have a wealth of willing leaders.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To nurture & develop leaders willing to take Freeborn County into the future.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

1. Inspire community awareness and pride.
2. Familiarize leaders with the strengths and opportunities in Freeborn County.
3. Identify awareness & strategies for expanding these opportunities.

Leadership Curriculum

LEADERSHIP is aimed at individuals who have a desire to increase their community involvement in order to assume present and future leadership roles.

LEADERSHIP builds civic awareness and helps develop relationships to better connect individuals to the community. The ten-month program begins with a social in August, followed by a series of all-day monthly sessions. The June session concludes with a graduation program.

Curriculum topics include:

- Leadership
- Education for All Ages
- Quality of Life & Human Services
- Public Safety & Law Enforcement
- Healthy Living
- Government
- Celebrating Diversity & Workforce Development
- Agriculture & Rural Development
- Business & Economic Development

Participants

Up to twenty people are selected to participate in the year's LEADERSHIP program. There is no age limit, and anyone may apply who is a resident of Albert Lea or Freeborn County. Participants are selected on their individual merits.

The class selection process seeks individuals from a cross-section of the community with different backgrounds to reflect Albert Lea and Freeborn County's educational, political, social, and cultural diversity.

Application and Tuition

Applications for this year's program will be accepted through June 1, 2009. Official applications should be returned to:

LEADERSHIP
Riverland Community College
Training & Development
2200 Riverland Drive
Albert Lea, MN 56007

This program is approved as a 3 credit course: SMGT1025 (pending approval)



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LEADERSHIP

APPLICATION

Full Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Company: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Is your organization currently a member of the Chamber?

Yes No

References: List your supervisor and at least one other person who may be contacted by the selection committee.

Name: _____

Company: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Company: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

The selection committee will choose participants based on their responses to the following questions. Please answer them as completely as possible on a separate printed page. **(Attach answers to your completed application form and submit two copies of all application materials.)**

1. State your professional and educational background or enclose a resume. Include degrees awarded, fields of study, professional institutes, training programs, etc. List professional affiliations, community, religious, athletic and social organizations with which you have been or are currently involved.
- 2a. Describe a professional or community leadership challenge you have undertaken.
- 2b. If you have not participated in professional or community activities, explain what has changed that will allow you to be involved in the future.
3. What would you contribute to the LEADERSHIP class?
4. In what ways do you think LEADERSHIP can help you develop your leadership potential? What do you expect of the program? (Please submit approximately half a printed page.)
5. Identify and discuss an issue that you feel is critical to the Albert Lea / Freeborn County area. (Please submit approximately half a printed page.)

Who will be paying your tuition?

- Me My employer
 A Sponsoring organization
 Scholarship requested (Please include letter)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2009

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature & Title of Applicant's Sponsor (if appropriate)

Date