



Community Leadership Program

The Community Leadership Program (CLP) was designed by the Chamber in 1990 to inspire emerging leaders by educating them on the opportunities, strengths and challenges within the Iowa City area. CLP is a year-long program that provides participants with a deeper understanding of the various sectors of our community.

The program has graduated more than 650 individuals with titles such as senator, representative, community college president, city administrator, council member, mayor, police chief, president and CEO, county attorney, school board member, commissioner, and county supervisor.

Selection Criteria

A maximum of 25 individuals will be selected for the Community Leadership Program Class of 2019-2020. **To be eligible for selection, the applicant's employer/sponsor must be a member of the Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce in good standing.**

Participants are selected by a committee, based on the information submitted in this application. They strive to enroll a class that represents a diverse range of occupations, backgrounds, interests and talents, with preference given to individuals who:

- are able to attend **all** sessions and program events
- have participated in past community and professional activities
- intend to serve the Johnson County area
- intend to remain in the Johnson County area in the near future

All applicants will be notified by **August 1, 2019** of the committee's decision.

Expectations

The Community Leadership Program includes an orientation meeting, a Sunday - Monday retreat and team-building session, and monthly topical sessions which involve panel discussions, tours, speakers, group interaction and individual activities. Participants will be expected to fully participate in every aspect of the Community Leadership Program (please see program schedule).

Graduating from the Chamber's Community Leadership Program demonstrates an understanding of material covered in all sessions. As such, only those who participate in 100% of the sessions will officially graduate from CLP. Participants who miss a class due to an emergency may complete the session the following year to fulfill the graduation requirements. Please initial below to show that you and your employer have read and understand the attendance policy. Thank you!

Employer initials

CLP Applicant initials



There is no substitute for your presence at CLP sessions. You are expected to:

- **Attend every session.** Without attendance by every participant, the experience is diminished for all class members.
- **Prepare for sessions by completing reading and project assignments.** Session leaders may assign articles to be read prior to class. Participants will complete a group project during the year which **will require work outside of class.**
- **Assist with the planning and/or coordination of assigned sessions as needed, including:**
 - **Driving fellow classmates to local businesses/organizations.**
 - **Writing thank you notes following assigned session.**
- **Engage fully with speakers and other class members at all sessions.**

Tuition

Tuition for each participant is \$1,000 and includes all program fees (materials, meals, refreshments, retreat transportation and accommodations). **Payment is due by Orientation (Thursday, August 29, 2019).** Check, MasterCard, American Express, or Visa will be accepted for payments.

Unfortunately, we are unable to refund tuition to those who leave the program early or are disqualified from graduation

Limited tuition assistance is available; however, each participant is expected to supply at least a portion of the tuition. If you are requesting tuition assistance, please fill out the Tuition Assistance Application and return it with your application by June 14, 2019. Tuition assistance requests are not disclosed to the selection committee and will not influence your acceptance.

Confidential Application

Completed application will include:

- ___ Community Leadership Program application
- ___ Letter of recommendation from employer/sponsor. If self-employed, letter of recommendation from local colleague or community leader
- ___ Applicant and Employer Agreement
- ___ Tuition Assistance Application (optional)

Applications must be received by Friday, June 14, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Please submit applications to:

info@iowacityarea.com

OR

**Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce
Attn: Community Leadership Program
325 E. Washington Street, Suite 100
Iowa City, IA 52240**

Thank you!





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Community Leadership Program Application

Last Name	First Name	MI	Preferred First Name
Business/Organization Name		E-mail address	
Business/Organization Address	Zip	Work phone	
Home Address	Zip	Phone	

Years in Johnson County: _____

2019-2020 Program Schedule: All sessions are from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, August 29, 2019	Orientation (5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.)
Friday, September 13, 2019	Leadership and You
Sunday & Monday, <i>October 6 and 7, 2019</i>	Retreat and team-building session in Moravia, IA <i>(8 a.m. Sunday -5 p.m. Monday)</i>
Friday, November 8, 2019	Health Care
Friday, December 13, 2019	Government
Friday, January 10, 2020	Human Services
Friday, February 14, 2020	Corridor Economics
Friday, March 6, 2020**	Education
Friday, April 10, 2020	Arts and Culture
Friday, May 8, 2020	Agriculture/Environment
Friday, June 12, 2020	Wrap-Up & Graduation

**** March's session will be hosted during the first Friday of the month.**

**PLEASE REVIEW ALL DATES AND GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION
TO YOUR ABILITY TO ATTEND ALL SESSIONS.**





Please respond to the questions below. Please include responses on a **separate sheet of paper**.

1. Current Employment

Position/Title:

Job Responsibilities:

What do you consider your greatest career achievements to date?

2. Previous Employment

Briefly describe previous positions held (in last 6 years):

3. Educational Background

Include institutions, field(s) of study and degrees awarded. Also include any relevant professional accreditations, certifications, training programs, etc.

4. Experiences

Please list in order of personal importance the major civic, business and professional activities in which you have participated during the past several years. For each activity, indicate the extent of your involvement, accomplishments, offices held, awards received and/or special recognitions. Experiences need not be limited to those in the Johnson County area. If you have not been involved in such activities, please comment.

4A. Please explain why you ranked your organizations and activities in this order.

4B. Have you participated in a similar leadership program in another community? Yes No

If yes, when/where? _____

5. Personal Perspective Essays

Please answer the following questions on a **separate sheet of paper**. Total length per essay should be 250 words or less.

A. Why do you wish to participate in the Community Leadership Program?

B. What do you hope to gain from participation in the Community Leadership Program?

C. How have you demonstrated leadership skills on an issue or challenge in the Johnson County area?

6. Letter of Recommendation

A letter of recommendation is required from your employer, sponsor or local colleague. The letter should explain how your background and experience would contribute to the leadership class and why you should be considered for the 2019-2020 Community Leadership Program.





Please submit completed and signed application, agreement and letter of recommendation to:

info@iowacityarea.com

OR

Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce
Attn: Community Leadership Program
325 E. Washington Street, Suite 100
Iowa City, IA 52240

Questions regarding this application may be directed to:

Director of Special Events and Leadership Programs
Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce
325 E. Washington Street
Suite 100
(319) 337-9637

**APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED MATERIAL
MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019 at 4:30 P.M.**

The Community Leadership Program is sponsored by:

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Applicant and Employer Agreement

**Please keep a copy for your records*

Applicant:

I understand the purpose of the Community Leadership Program and the commitment expected of class members. If selected, I will devote the required time to attend all functions of the program. I understand my attendance and preparedness are mandatory and that if I fail to meet the obligations of the program, I will be disqualified from graduation of the program without a tuition refund.

If selected to participate in the 2019-2020 Community Leadership Program, I will arrange for payment of my tuition by Orientation hosted August 29, 2019.

Signature

Date

Employer/Sponsor:

I fully support the application of _____
for the 2019-2020 Community Leadership Program. I am willing to make available the necessary time for full participation in all scheduled classes and activities. I will make sure they can attend all sessions without penalty. I also understand that if they are withdrawn from the class for absences, tuition will not be refunded.

Employer/Sponsor Signature

Date

Printed Name

Business/Organization Name

E-mail