

How are you currently involved in the community or county?

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What do you hope to gain by participating in the program?

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Deadline to submit your application is  
**August 1, 2016**

**Mail or email to:**  
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***Participants are notified and sent additional information in mid-August.***

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### ***Program Schedule***

Typical session runs 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

**September 8, 2016**

**Henderson**

Leading with Your Strengths

**October 6, 2016**

**Gaylord**

Enhancing Ethical Leadership

**November 3, 2016**

**Arlington**

Growing Committees That Work Better

**December 1, 2016**

**Gibbon**

Bridging Generations

**January 5, 2017**

**New Auburn**

Social Capital: The Glue That Holds Communities Together

**February 2, 2017**

**Gaylord**

Navigating Conflict Successfully & County Government/Townships

**March 2, 2017**

**Winthrop**

Visionary Leadership: Shared Focus for Action

**April 6, 2017**

Sibley County Agriculture Navigating Change

**May 4, 2017**

**Green Isle/Arlington**

Courageous Followership and Graduation



## **2016 - 2017 Leadership Program**

### ***Mission:***

Developing leadership by connecting people, businesses, and communities to create a stronger tomorrow

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## Why Leading Sibley Together?

This county-wide leadership program offers community members an opportunity to network, develop leadership skills, and gain an increased awareness and understanding of the assets of Sibley County. The results are more skilled individuals, increased networks, and stronger links between communities to address local issues.

## How Does The Program Work?

Participants gather one day each month in communities throughout the county. Each day includes leadership learning activities, meeting with community leaders, and tours of businesses and organizations in that particular community. Participants tour together, learn together, and dine together. Each day ends with reflection and discussion around the day's events.

## Who Can Participate?

Each class is comprised of a maximum of 24 participants who either live or work in Sibley County. Participants can be either current or emerging leaders with an interest in the future of our county. Selected participants are notified in mid- August.

Acceptance is based on:

- Desire to better understand and improve leadership skills
- Demonstrated interest in the Sibley County area
- Interest in future community involvement
- Ability to commit the time needed to attend program sessions
- Representation from all diverse segments of the county

## How Do Employers Benefit?

Gain employees who:

- Create connections throughout the county to promote their respective business or organization
- Develop their personal leadership, communication, and team skills
- Develop greater personal vision and ability for "big picture" thinking
- Increase their capacity to address critical issues and challenges

## How Do Participants Benefit?

- Increase ability to lead and work more effectively with others
- Build personal and professional networks with community leaders and organizations
- Gain a greater awareness of resources and assets within the county and local communities
- Identify ways to "make a difference" and give back to the community

Skill development sessions are led by highly trained personnel and include:

- Leading with Strengths
- Facilitating More Effective Meetings
- Communication Skills
- Conflict Management
- Working with Different Generations
- Visioning
- Navigating Change
- Effective Followership

## Testimonials by Participants of Other County Programs

*"I've learned so much about the area that I have decided to plant my roots in for my life remaining. I met people and learned how small communities have just as much to offer as large communities."*

*"The knowledge I gained will benefit me in my work. I will be a better advocate for the community as well as a better resource for my clients"*

*"Excellent opportunity to build networks between various community members to work toward a common goal."*

*"I never knew about all the diverse businesses and opportunities in our county and the contributions that they make locally and even globally... It made me proud of where I live and more confident to take an active role in community planning."*

*"I've learned skills and forged connections that will help me in my work, my role on the school board, and in my personal life."*

### For more information, contact:

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## Application

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (W) \_\_\_\_\_  
(C) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Years living and/or working in Sibley County: \_\_\_\_\_

Tuition is \$375 which helps off-set the cost of meals, refreshments and training.

Payment is due after notification of participation. A limited number of scholarships are available for those who need assistance. Will you need scholarship assistance in order to participate?

Yes  No

*I understand the purpose of Leading Sibley Together, the expectation to attend scheduled sessions, and that completion of this application does not guarantee my acceptance as a participant.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_