

How are you currently involved in the community or county?

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

Deadline to submit your application is **August 4, 2017**

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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 7, 2017

New Auburn
Leading with Your Strengths

October 5, 2017

Gibbon
Leading Across Generations

November 2, 2017

Gaylord
Growing Committees That Work Better

December 7, 2017

Arlington
Leadership for Our Common Good

January 4, 2018

Government Day - Gaylord
Navigating Conflict

February 1, 2018

Green Isle
Visionary Leadership

March 1, 2018

Henderson
Brain Gain, Trends in Rural Migration

April 5, 2018

Sibley County Agriculture
Navigating Change

May 3, 2018

Winthrop
Art of Hosting and Evening Graduation



2017 - 2018 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

"This program has been invaluable. It has helped me at home and in the work place. This program has completely changed how I think and do my job".

"The program has given me a greater understanding of the county & how each area has something different to offer. Would recommend the program to all residents to learn, network, and develop new skills which will help in all aspects of your life and work. I've meet some very nice people who I hope to keep in contact after the program".

"This is a class that helps you better understand yourself as well as your community. I would also explain to them that there are many hidden businesses within a community and this class shows you them".

For more information, contact:

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SIBLEY COUNTY
MINNESOTA

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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 _____