

Lawrence Leadership Development Program

\$1350 for September through April program. Starts with a two day leadership retreat (Thurs-Fri) and monthly Thursday meetings (9 weekdays must be given up). Leadership Lawrence (LL), a program of the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, is a professional development program that provides participants first-hand exposure to the inner workings of Lawrence and Douglas County.

Since 1982, the program has developed more than 700 leaders in the community. Leadership Lawrence alumni have a high-level of engagement with the organization and the community after graduation. Nearly 85 percent of Leadership Lawrence graduates who were polled in a recent survey about the program's effectiveness reported that their community service had increased since graduating from the program. Additionally, nearly half of the respondents serve in an officer role or for a community organization, while more than 67 percent have worked on a political campaign.

Working with the community leaders and leadership trainers, class members learn leadership and facilitation skills that can be used to make Lawrence an event better community.

Who Can Participate

Participants in Leadership Lawrence are selected after consideration of the following qualities:

- A commitment to develop and practice new leadership skills
- A genuine interest and willingness to be involved in the community
- Concern for the future of Lawrence and Douglas County
- A record of community involvement
- The ability to commit to all class sessions.