

Leadership Wichita

Individuals interested in participating must be nominated by another person and then complete and submit an application along with three letters of reference. Ultimately, a diverse class will be selected who have the potential and desire to become more involved in community leadership in the future.

Class selection will be based, in part, on:

- Potential for expanding their leadership roles
- Interest in gaining awareness about issues facing the community
- Interest in learning more about leadership skills and principles
- Past community involvement and evidence of a future commitment
- Evidence of personal and professional improvements
- Work experience
- Personal interests

A \$750 tuition is charged to cover program costs.

THE STRATEGIC WICHITA VISION - PART I (September Thursday 4th)

TOPIC: The class will receive an orientation to the overall program. The Wichita area will be discussed from an economic perspective and team building exercises will be a part of this session.

THE STRATEGIC WICHITA VISION - PART II (September Friday 5th)

TOPIC: Participants will complete a visioning process for Wichita. Community advancement strategies will be discussed, and Leadership Wichita Trustees will join the group for a part of the session.

WORKING PARTNERSHIPS WITH MEDIA (September Thursday 18th)

TOPIC: Learn about the integral role the news media have in our community. Then, develop skills needed when partnering with media. The session includes on-camera interviewing techniques and incorporating social media into a media relations program.

PRE-SESSION MOCK INTERVIEW

Each class member will experience a brief mock interview before the Media session.

Date/time options are:

Monday, September 8: 7:30 to 9 a.m. and 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, September 9: 7:30 to 9 a.m. and 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Thursday, September 11: 7:30 to 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, September 12: 7:30 to 9 a.m.

The mock interview will be recorded and used for playback and critique during the Media session.

AN EDUCATION RESPONSIBILITY (October Thursday 2nd)

TOPIC: A highly-educated, world-class workforce is vital to the future of our community. The class will hear from education leaders and discuss current educational policies and governance issues.

THE BUSINESS OF GOVERNMENT (October Friday 10th)

TOPIC: Consensus building is key to government. Learn and discuss current issues facing government and the importance of consensus. Meet our city and county leaders and discuss the future of our community.

SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

The entire class will participate in a firearm simulation experience on Friday, October 3, beginning at 2 p.m. Then, each class member will have a second shift, weekend experience with a city or county law enforcement officer or fire department official on either October 3 or 4, from approximately 4 p.m. to midnight.

MAKING DEVELOPMENT HAPPEN (October Thursday 30th)

TOPIC: The cornerstones of a competitive economic community and the challenges and opportunities we face as a greater Wichita area will be discussed. A focus will be the economic development strategies of GWEDC, downtown development and job creation through entrepreneurship.

SIMSOC: A SIMULATION EXPERIENCE (November Thursday, Friday 6th and 7th)

TOPIC: An exercise in conflict resolution, communications situations, and social change as a method of actively developing leadership skills will be conducted. The participants will experience a variety of interactive situations demanding decisions.

SHAPING A CARING COMMUNITY (November Thursday 20)

TOPIC: Available human services and an inclusive community are essential elements of our community. Major issues in these areas including visits with various agencies will be discussed. The session will end with an inspiring story on servant leadership. The program will conclude at 8:30 p.m. with an evening class recognition event following this session.