



2024-25 Application and Commitment Form

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Business/Organization Name: _____

Title: _____

Email address: _____

Business Phone number: _____ Mobile Phone number: _____

Business/Organization Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Optional:

Age: 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s Gender: _____ Ethnicity: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

1. How long have you lived in the area?

2. How did you hear about the Leadership Institute program? Who referred you?

3. Please share information on your professional background in 200 words or fewer (or attach a resume):

4. Please share the leadership qualities that you possess and how you have used them so far in your personal, professional, and community leadership roles.

5. Describe the leadership skills you wish to strengthen by participating in the program. Why do you want to be in the program?

Level of Commitment

TIME COMMITMENT

The Greater Mankato Leadership Institute designates 11 full-day learning sessions between September 2024 and May 2025, including an overnight in St. Paul. Participants are expected to attend all sessions, as one of the program’s strengths is the unique combination of individual participants. Please consider your availability before applying. Class members will not be eligible to graduate from the program if more than two of the 11 full-day sessions are missed.

PERSONAL COMMITMENT

I have read the Greater Mankato Growth materials, discussed the benefits of the program with my supervisor, and agree to the time commitment stated above.

Signature of Applicant

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

The all-inclusive participation fee is \$2,499. Applicant must be employed by an organization that is a member of Greater Mankato Growth at the Engaged Level or higher. Payment to Greater Mankato Growth must be received by September 1, 2024 and is non-refundable after that date.

EMPLOYER COMMITMENT (if applicable)

Supervisor: please share with us why you feel this employee would be a good candidate for the Leadership Institute:

I have discussed with the employee the benefits and time commitment of the Leadership Institute stated above. The employee will be allowed release time to attend all sessions, September through May.

Name of Supervisor (please print) Title

Signature of Supervisor Supervisor Email Address

Applications will be considered in the order they are received. To help ensure your spot in the upcoming class, please apply early. Application deadline: June 14, 2024.

Please return by mail or email to:

Attn: Shannon Gullickson
Greater Mankato Growth sgullickson@greatermankato.com
3 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 100
Mankato, MN 56001

General Information about the Greater Mankato Leadership Institute application process:

(This page is for information only and does not need to be returned with the application.)

In order to foster an effective learning environment, a maximum of 40 class members will be accepted to the program each year. Applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis. Please consider applying early to ensure a spot in this year's program. All applicants will be contacted in late June to schedule an optional small group discussion to learn more about the program's expectations and to ask questions .

If more than 40 applications are received, the Steering Committee may reduce the class size by asking some candidates to reapply the next year or requesting businesses with multiple applicants to reduce the number of candidaes for the current program

Session dates and topics for the 2024-25 program:

September 12: Opening Session

September 19: Ropes Challenge Course/Team Building Activities (**September 26 rain date**)

October 9: Greater Mankato's History (AM session) / Managing Difficult Conversations and Negotiations 101 (PM session)

November 20: What's My Emotional Intelligence? What's My Leadership Style?

December 11: Serving Our Community (An immersive session on community volunteerism)

January 15: A Behind the Scenes Look at City Services and Planning for Our Region's Future

February 12: The Importance of Agriculture in Our Region

March 12-13: Effective Advocacy & Civic Engagement (Overnight in St. Paul)

April 9: Leadership Effectiveness, Conflict Competency, and Ethics

May 14: Identifying Your Goals & Priorities (Final Session & Graduation Celebration)

****Note:** Typically, each session begins at 8:30 am and runs until 4:30 pm. Accommodations can be made for participants with physical disabilities or those not comfortable with the high ropes course activities.

Please contact Shannon Gullickson at 507-385-6656 or sgullickson@greatermankato.com with further questions regarding Greater Mankato Leadership Institute.