

# LEADERSHIP Training with a COMMUNITY Focus



For over 40 years, the Greater Mankato Leadership Institute has been the premier comprehensive leadership training program with a community focus. The program consists of a monthly full-day session from September to May and a special two-day session that includes a trip to the State Capitol. Program participants have an opportunity to enhance and practice their leadership skills, build and strengthen relationships with other emerging community leaders, learn about the past, present, and future of Greater Mankato, and much more. Each year, the curriculum is updated to ensure graduates are well prepared to serve as leaders in their workplace and our community.

PROGRAM SPONSORS:



## Program TOPICS:

- Ropes Course & Team Building Activities
- Greater Mankato's Past, Present, and Future
- Understanding Emotional Intelligence
- Making an Impact through Volunteerism
- Embracing Diversity
- Effective Communication
- Greater Mankato Arts & Culture Scene
- The Role of Public Servants & Community Advocacy
- Leadership Effectiveness, Conflict Competency & Ethics
- Identifying Your Goals & Priorities

“Participating in the Greater Mankato Leadership Institute session was a profound experience for me. Engaging with local leaders and immersing myself in practical leadership strategies made a lasting impression. Connecting with other professionals in the area was invaluable, and uncovering resources within our community was eye-opening. Overall, it was an enriching journey that boosted my confidence and leadership skills.”

**Matt Knutson, MacLean Power Systems**

“The Greater Mankato Leadership Institute program was well worth my time! It provided me with an extended network of individuals that are looking to advance leadership skills they can apply to their business and local community. I have gained helpful tools that support my efforts to be a leader within my form and I look forward to continued progress.”

**Laura Drager, ISG**



## Benefits to **PARTICIPANTS**:

- An exceptional working environment, allowing participants to practice leadership skills and apply them to their work and personal life.
- Instruction and guidance from community leaders and professional experts.
- An opportunity to build strong connections with other community leaders.
- A well-rounded curriculum focused on professional, personal, and community leadership.



*"With a passion for people, the Leadership Institute supported me with a platform to align myself with other like-minded professionals. I am thankful for the relationships created and the lifelong connections I gained by participating in the program. There were certainly many layers of value from the class, but the relationships will last forever."*

**Jamie Jacobs, APX Construction Group**



Class of 2023 - 2024 visiting the State Capitol

## Benefits to **EMPLOYERS**:

- Strengthened leadership skills and insight.
- Increased opportunities for employee growth.
- Enhanced skills applicable to today's workplace.
- Exposure to the latest leadership development tools and information employees can bring to the workplace.



*"The Leadership Institute not only equipped me with the tools and confidence necessary to enhance my leadership skills for both my organization and community, but also fostered invaluable connections with like-minded professionals striving for personal growth. Through engaging presentations, enlightening tours, and inspiring classmates, the program provided an experience I will always be grateful for."*

**Mike Kittelson, First National Bank**

## APPLY TODAY

Greater Mankato Leadership Institute is an exclusive program for Greater Mankato Growth members at Engaged or higher levels. Tuition for the 9-month program is \$2,599 and includes materials, meals, transportation, and lodging for the two-day civic engagement in St. Paul. Each session is generally held the second Wednesday of the month and participants are expected to attend all sessions. Class members will not be eligible to graduate from the program if more than two of the full-day sessions are missed. In order to foster an effective learning environment, class size is limited to 40 participants.

Applications for the class of 2025 - 2026 are open through Friday, June 13, 2025.  
Scan the QR code or visit the link below to learn more.

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