

LEADERSHIP Training with a COMMUNITY Focus



For more than 40 years, the Greater Mankato Leadership Institute has been the region's premier leadership development program with a strong community focus. The program features monthly full-day sessions from September through May, along with a special two-day experience that includes a visit to the State Capitol.

Participants gain opportunities to strengthen and apply their leadership skills, build meaningful connections with fellow emerging leaders, and explore the past, present, and future of Greater Mankato.

Each year, the curriculum is thoughtfully updated to ensure graduates are equipped to lead effectively in their workplaces and make a lasting impact in our community.



Program TOPICS:

- Ropes Course & Team Building Activities
- The History of Greater Mankato
- Understanding Emotional Intelligence
- Making an Impact through Volunteerism
- The Importance of Agriculture Greater Mankato
- Effective Communication
- Effective Advocacy and Civic Engagement
- The Role of Public Servants & Community Advocacy
- Leadership Effectiveness, Conflict Competency & Ethics
- Identifying Your Goals & Priorities

“Through the Leadership Institute, I have gained valuable leadership tools that have helped me become more confident and effective in my role. One of the most rewarding aspects of the program has been the opportunity to connect with other local professionals and build a network of peers who share a commitment to leadership. Since I did not grow up in the Mankato area, learning about local businesses and nonprofits has broadened my understanding of the community. This experience has been instrumental in my professional growth.”

Josh Mazur, Marketing Specialist, Mankato Clinic

“I encourage participation in the GMG Leadership Institute. It pushed me beyond my comfort zone, shaped my growth as an emerging leader, and connected me with a diverse, supportive cohort. I gained deeper understanding of our community, strengthened my commitment to the region, and built lasting relationships. I'm grateful I said yes and had my employer's support.”

Annaliese Emmons, Dual Sales & Event Manager, Courtyard by Marriott & TownPlace Suites

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.

“I really enjoyed my time with the GMG Leadership Institute and feel that it has helped me grow professionally but also connect and learn about my community and fellow participants. The speakers, panels, enrichment opportunities, tours, and State Capitol visit were well thought out, engaging, and informative. I’m already encouraging an employee to apply for next year’s class.”

Jeremy Merseth, Owner, Unique Designs Construction



Class of 2025 - 2026 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.



“I will always be grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the Leadership Institute. I was told from a prior participant of the Leadership Institute that the networking from this experience is priceless. I could not agree more. I wish I had done this sooner in my career as I did not expect the professional growth. Each session was an opportunity for that professional growth as well as learning various perspectives of the presenter and classmates. The age range and variety of professions represented made this a unique opportunity. I would highly recommend the Leadership Institute to anyone in any profession, any age, and any experience. I truly enjoyed this experience, was challenged, and had fun along the way.”

Weston Thormodson, COO, Winland Electronics

APPLY TODAY

The Greater Mankato Leadership Institute is an exclusive opportunity available to Greater Mankato Growth members at the Engaged level or higher. Tuition includes all program materials, meals, transportation, and lodging for the two-day civic engagement experience in St. Paul. Sessions are typically held on the second or third Wednesday of each month, and participants are expected to attend all sessions. To be eligible for graduation, participants may not miss more than two full-day sessions. To maintain a high-quality, interactive experience, class size is limited to 40 participants.

An early bird rate of \$2,500 is available through May 29.

Scan the QR code to learn more.

