



To engage,
encourage
& empower

future leadership in & for our community.

The Owatonna Community Leadership Academy is a leadership program designed to enable candidates to learn about Owatonna resources, values, strengths, weaknesses, and challenges. A learning experience geared toward providing an in-depth look at eight key elements of our community; education, economic development, government, healthcare, public safety, quality of life, agriculture, and culture & diversity. This program will provide opportunities for candidates to exchange ideas, build networks and begin the process of identifying and solving important community issues.

Who: A pool of candidates who are current or prospective leaders in the Owatonna community. Candidates are drawn from business, industry, education, public and private agencies, civic groups, and virtually all other facets of the professional community. Class size will be limited.

When: Monthly sessions run September – June

LEADERSHIP requires a serious commitment of time and energy. Candidates meet the SECOND TUESDAY, a full day each month. Attendance is imperative. Participants are expected to attend all sessions with the exception of an extreme emergency or illness. You are also expected to serve as a day leader the following year.

Where: Seminars are held at a different location each session.

How: A series of topical seminars held over a nine month period and conducted by local and regional professionals.

Area leaders volunteer their time to raise awareness to the assets and opportunities of our community by providing an in-depth, behind-the-scenes look at eight key elements of our community.

Cost: \$775 – Tuition is payable at the time a participant is accepted to candidacy. Scholarship opportunities are available.

This localized program was designed by the Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism to develop candidate knowledge and understanding of our community...its assets, complexities and potential. To provide an opportunity for participants to meet and exchange ideas with each other and current community leaders. All sessions are facilitated locally and focus on topics directly affecting our community. The intent is to empower and encourage participants to assume individual roles in community opportunities.

Program Development: An Owatonna Area Chamber-designated "Leadership Advisory Committee" oversees the development of the LEADERSHIP Program. The Chamber will assist with individual seminar curriculum development in cooperation with designated day-leaders.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE OR BY CONTACTING:

Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism

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OWATONNA COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY 2020-2021

CALENDAR

2021

August 10 Kickoff
September 14 Opening Day
October 12 Quality of Life
November 9 Government
December 7 Education

2022

January 11 Economic Development
February 8 Health & Safety
March 8 Culture & Diversity
April 12 Criminal Justice
May 10 Agri-business
June 14 Graduation

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Steele County Historical Society
Steele County Safe and
Drug-Free Coalition
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Public Defender
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TPS Insurance Agency
Tri M Graphics
Trinity Lutheran Church (ECLA)
United Methodist Church
United Prairie Bank
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Applications due:
June 11, 2021



APPLICATIONS DEADLINE: June 11, 2021

The selection committee will choose participants based on their responses to the following questions. Please answer as completely as possible on a separate printed page. Attach answers to your completed application form and submit two copies of all application materials.

- 1. Enclose a resume. Include degrees awarded, fields of study, professional institutes, training programs, etc. List professional affiliations, community, religious, athletic and social organizations with which you have been or are currently involved.
- 2. Describe a professional or community leadership challenge you have undertaken.
- 3. What would you contribute to the Owatonna Community Leadership Academy class?
- 4. In what ways do you think Owatonna Community Leadership Academy can help you develop your leadership potential? What do you expect of the program? (Please submit approximately half a printed page.)
- 5. Identify and discuss an issue that you feel is critical to the Owatonna area. (Please submit approximately half a printed page.)
- 6. Are you willing to commit nine full days to attend Owatonna Community Leadership Academy?

RETURN TO: Owatonna Community Leadership Academy c/o Rhonda Guthier, 320 Hoffman Drive, Owatonna, MN 55060

Who will be paying your tuition?

- Me My employer A sponsoring organization Scholarship requested (please include letter)

Full Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____

Company: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

What city ward/district do you live in? See map on back of application. _____

References: List your immediate supervisor and at least one other person who may be contacted by selection committee.

Name: _____ **Company:** _____

Title: _____ **Phone:** _____

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How did you learn about Owatonna Community Leadership Academy?

- OCLA Mailing OACCT's Newsletter OACCT Board Member
- Supervisor Other Professional colleague/associate

Signature of Applicant Date

Signature & Title of Applicant's Sponsor (if appropriate) Date

