



OWATONNA COMMUNITY  
**LEADERSHIP  
ACADEMY**  
2025–2026

# Exclusive Access to the 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. ...**Exclusive Access**

**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:** **\$1,295** – 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...**Exclusive Access**



## CALENDAR

2025/2026

**August 19 .....Kickoff Picnic**

**September - May .....Full Program Days  
(2nd Tuesday of each month)**

**June 9.....Graduation Lunch**

**APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT [OWATONNA.ORG](https://www.owatonna.org)  
OR BY CONTACTING JULIA SEYKORA**

Applications due:  
**July 11, 2025**

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