



SIOUX FALLS AREA
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Leadership Sioux Falls Application Instructions

Before You Get Started...

- Read and understand the program requirements found in the “Commitment” section of the application, particularly the class schedule and attendance requirements for all class members. Attendance at all eight sessions is a requirement. Be sure you can commit to them should you be accepted into the program.
- Approval and support from your employer are also required. Make sure you have your immediate supervisor read and complete the “Employer” section of the Commitment.
- Application deadline is 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 22, 2011. Please understand we cannot accept late deliveries.

Completing the Application...

- Complete this application legibly (print or type). The application form may be replicated electronically.
- Complete each section in full and answer all questions. Participants will be selected on the basis of complete applications.
- Include information about yourself that you believe is most relevant.
- Secure two reference letters. Attach to the application or have mailed/delivered/emailed to: Leadership Sioux Falls Selection Committee, 200 N. Phillips Ave., Suite 102, PO Box 1425, Sioux Falls SD 57101-1425. Fax: 605.336.6499. Email: kfoley@siouxfalls.com
- Secure signature of support by employer/sponsor, if applicable.
- Sign the application.

Submitting the Application...

- Please submit the original application with all attachments, stapled, plus seven additional copies of the application and all attachments, also stapled. Please do not place the copies in binders, folders, etc.
- There is a \$10 non-refundable application fee, due at the time you submit your application. Please make your check payable to the Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and include it with your application. (Tuition is \$435 and is non-refundable. Tuition covers all program costs including materials, meals, Sioux Falls Day at the Legislature. Do not send tuition payment with this application. If selected to participate, an invoice will be mailed.)
- Completed applications (and all attachments and copies) must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 22, 2011. Mail or deliver to: LEADERSHIP SIOUX FALLS, c/o Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, 200 N Phillips Ave., Suite 102, PO Box 1425, Sioux Falls SD 57101-1425.
- All applicants will be notified of their acceptance status within 4 weeks of the deadline.

LEADERSHIP SIOUX FALLS 26

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COMPLETED APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Signatures secured.
- Two letters of recommendation, attached.
- \$10 application fee. *(This fee does not apply to the cost of tuition and is not refundable.)*
- Original application and seven copies of all pages (including reference letters) Please staple.

Please review the application instructions page prior to completing.

This form may be replicated electronically.
The deadline for this application is 5 p.m. on **Monday, Aug. 22, 2011.**

Name: _____

Employer/Sponsor: _____

Address where you prefer to receive LSF-related correspondence:

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Hometown: _____ What brought you to our community? _____

How long have you lived/worked in the Sioux Falls area? _____

Have you applied for Leadership Sioux Falls before? _____

When did you last vote? _____

Provide the following information and answers to questions on separate sheet(s) and attach them to this form. Please reference the question in each answer.

EMPLOYMENT/EDUCATION *(Do not submit a resume)*

1. Employment History. (Professional work experience for the last five years only.)
2. Education. (High school, college, business/trade school or specialized training.)

INVOLVEMENT *(Do not submit a resume)*

1. Describe your involvement in the community. Or, if you have not been actively involved, what conditions have changed to allow for more involvement now? *(Limit 250 words)*
2. List the kinds of volunteer activities in which you would like to become active in the future. *(Limit 250 words)*

QUESTIONS *(Each answer should be brief.)*

The goal of Leadership Sioux Falls is to inform, challenge and motivate potential leaders by providing information on community resources; identifying community concerns; interacting with community leaders; and invoking a sense of community trusteeship.

1. What are three strengths of our community? *(Limit 250 words)*
2. What do you feel are the three most significant challenges facing our community? Choose one and tell us why it is important, the issues it raises and make at least one suggestion for its solution. *(Limit 300 words.)*
3. If you had the opportunity to address the Selection Committee and describe yourself and why you should be selected for LSF 26, what would you say? *(Limit 250 words)*

BIOGRAPHY *(Do not submit a resume)*

The program is a lot more fun than the application, so please give us a short bio in narrative form that includes an example of something unique about you. (Should you be selected to participate, this bio will be used in the LSF Class of 2012 Directory.)

REFERENCES

Please secure two letters of reference and attach to your application. Applications submitted without reference letters will be considered incomplete.

APPLICATION FEE ___ \$10 Attached

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TUITION

Tuition is \$435 and is non-refundable. Tuition covers all program costs including materials, meals, graduation banquet and Sioux Falls Day at the Legislature. Participants who are selected but fail to meet the time commitment identified below will be dropped from the program and will not receive a tuition refund.

If accepted, tuition will be paid by: My organization/sponsor___ Myself___
(Do not send payment with this application. If selected to participate, an invoice will be mailed.)

COMMITMENT

Participants are required to attend all sessions. The Leadership Sioux Falls Executive Committee reserves the right to drop any participant from the program who has unexcused absences. Attendance will be taken at each session. The schedule of required sessions is as follows: Oct. 5, 2011 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.); Nov. 2, 2011 (8 a.m.-noon); Dec. 7, 2011 (3:30-8:30 p.m.); Jan. 11, 2012 (3:30-8:30 p.m.); Feb. 9, 2012 (all day trip to Pierre for Sioux Falls Day at the Legislature); March 7, 2012 (8 a.m.-noon); April 4, 2012 (8 a.m.-noon); and May 2, 2012 Graduation Banquet (5:30-8:30 p.m.)

APPLICANT: I understand the attendance commitment of the Leadership Sioux Falls program and, if selected to participate, I will attend all eight sessions in their entirety. I will commit the time and energy necessary to make it a successful experience. I also understand that submission of this application does not guarantee acceptance to the program. I also understand that I am expected to serve and strengthen my community upon completion of this program.

Signature of Applicant

Date

EMPLOYER: This application has the approval of this organization and the applicant has our full support, which includes the time required to participate in this program.

Signature of Employer

Date

DEADLINE

Applications and all attachments must be received by **5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 22, 2011.**

THANK YOU FOR APPLYING FOR THE 2011-2012 LEADERSHIP SIOUX FALLS PROGRAM

The information on this application is used solely for the Leadership Sioux Falls selection process. All applicants will be reviewed on a competitive basis and will represent a cross-section of business, professions, organizations, government and education. Due to the strength of the applicant pool and the limit of 30 participants, some applicants who might otherwise meet the selection criteria may not be chosen.

Such applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for the program again.

For more information, please contact Kate Foley at 605.373.2002 or kfoley@siouxfalls.com



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