

The State Chamber's
LEADERSHIP NEBRASKA
A Program of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Application Instructions and Selection Criteria

Instructions

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. FAILURE TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS WILL PREVENT THE APPLICATION FROM BEING CONSIDERED.

- Complete each section in full.
- Include a resume.
- Type or print in black ink. (If printed, applications must be clearly legible.) Limit answers to available space. Additional pages will not be considered.
- Only one completed recommendation form will be accepted. This may not come from your employer. No other attachments will be considered.
- Both the applicant and the applicant's employer or supervisor, if applicable, must sign the application.
- The completed application must be received by **April 13, 2018** including all required signatures, one letter of recommendation and a photo of the applicant. (Passport or other personal photo is acceptable.)

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Applications are accepted from individuals living or working within the State of Nebraska.
- Class members are chosen by the Selection Committee on their own merits based upon the information provided on their application. The committee seeks representation from a cross section of the state including business, labor, government, education, the arts, community-based organizations, human services and ethnic and minority groups.
- Applicants representing a corporation or organization must have the full support of their employer or sponsoring organization. Individuals not associated with a business or organization are also eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be able to fulfill program attendance requirements including mandatory attendance at the opening retreat. Participants are also expected to attend each session from **June, 2018** through **January 2019**. ***Participants who are absent from more than one class session will not graduate.***
- In reviewing applications, the Selection Committee looks for potential participants according to the following criteria :
 - * Personal characteristics: motivation, leadership potential, community involvement, interest, and creativity
 - * Commitment to serve Nebraska or their local community following graduation
 - * Willingness to make the time commitment required by the program

Note: Class size is limited to 30. Applicants are encouraged to reapply if not selected.

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CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION

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I. PERSONAL DATA

Name _____
Last First Middle

Preferred Name _____ Male _____ Female _____

Date of Birth _____ Race/Ethnicity _____

Home Address _____
Number Street

City State Zip Code Home Phone _____

Business Phone _____

Years Residing in Nebraska _____

Employer _____

Job Title _____

Business Address _____
Number and Street - or - P.O. Box

City State Zip Code

Preferred Mailing Address: Home _____ Work _____

E-mail Address: _____

II. ACTIVITY DATA

A. List activities that demonstrate your commitment to your community or state:

B. In order of importance to you, list your role(s) held in civic, business, religious, social, athletic, or community organizations. (these can be volunteer roles)

1. Organization _____
Position _____ Check one: ___elected ___appointed
Describe Responsibility: _____

2. Organization _____
Position _____ Check one: ___elected ___appointed
Describe Responsibility: _____

3. Organization _____
Position _____ Check one: ___elected ___appointed
Describe Responsibility: _____

4. Organization _____
Position _____ Check one: ___elected ___appointed
Describe Responsibility: _____

C. What do you consider your most important accomplishment in one of the above organizations? Why?

D. What type of community or volunteer activities would you like to become involved with in the future?

F. If you have not had the time or interest to become actively involved in the community, what conditions have changed that now enable you to seek community involvement?

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. One of the goals of Leadership Nebraska is to build a network of community leaders who can enhance their problem-solving and other leadership skills by sharing differing perspectives and working together collaboratively. What are the three most significant problems facing Nebraska today?

B. What needs to be done about **one** of these issues?

C. What are the three most notable opportunities and/or strengths of Nebraska?

D. What needs to be done to further develop **one** of these?

E. What specific skills/knowledge do you want to gain from your participation in Leadership Nebraska?

F. Have you applied for Leadership Nebraska before? ___Yes ___No If yes, how many times?_____

We encourage you to re-apply should you not be selected this year. The Selection Committee considers sustained interest in making their recommendations.

IV. PERSONAL REFERENCES

Please list two persons, *other than your employer*, who are knowledgeable about your leadership performance and potential. Your recommendation form may be completed by one of the persons listed below.

Name _____ Relationship to Applicant _____
Address _____ Phone _____

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Address _____ Phone _____

V. EMPLOYER/SUPERVISOR APPROVAL (IF APPLICABLE)

This applicant has my full support to participate in Leadership Nebraska. I am aware of the time commitment involved in his/her effective participation. (This must be signed by the applicant's employer or immediate supervisor.)

Name _____ Organization. _____
Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

VI: COMMITMENT (*PLEASE READ CAREFULLY*)

- * Orientation Retreat June 13-15, 2018.
- * Five sessions, entailing a minimum of two days, beginning in August and ending in January. (Exact dates will be provided upon selection.)
- * Attendance at Graduation ceremony, February 21, 2019.

Note: Participants who miss more than one class session will not graduate. There are no exceptions.

Tuition is \$2,750. Payment due upon acceptance.

(Partial financial assistance may be available or a fee payment plan may be arranged. If you require financial assistance, please include a letter explaining the reason(s) for your request and the financial amount or payment plan requested.)

I understand the goals and commitment of the Leadership Nebraska program and the attendance requirement. If selected, I will fulfill all obligations outlined in this application and will pay my tuition upon acceptance. I acknowledge that I have completed the foregoing application and that all the information contained herein is true and correct.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Mail or deliver completed application to: Leadership Nebraska Selection Committee
P.O. Box 95128
Lincoln, NE 68509

All items listed below must be in the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce office by 5:00 p.m. on April 13, 2018

- * One completed application form with required signatures.
- * One completed recommendation form. (Mailed directly by sponsor or included with application)
- * Resume and photo

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Recommendation Form

To be completed by Sponsor and included with candidate application or mailed to:

Leadership Nebraska Selection Committee
P.O. Box 95128
Lincoln, NE 68509

Instructions:

Please use this form OR use the information on this form as a guideline for a separate letter of recommendation. The recommendation form/letter must be received no later than April 13, 2018. As you answer the questions below, use additional paper if needed, but please be as concise as possible. Please type or print legibly in black ink.

Name of Applicant _____
Length of Acquaintance _____

Type of Relationship [check appropriate response(s)]

Close Personal Relationship Numerous Business Contacts Numerous Social Contacts
 Principally by Reputation Occasional Business Contacts Occasional Social Contacts

Provide comments regarding applicant's participation in civic, community and/or church activities:

Does applicant have potential for future leadership positions either within his/her business, community or statewide?

Reason applicant will make an outstanding LEADERSHIP NEBRASKA participant:

Name of person making recommendation (please type or print)

Date