

## **Scholarship Application**

# **Leadership Rockford**

### **A program of the Rockford Chamber of Commerce**

The mission of Leadership Rockford is to enhance awareness of business, government and civic issues and opportunities, through an interactive process, and to motivate direct involvement in business and community leadership.

Initiated by the Rockford Chamber of Commerce in 1967, Leadership Rockford fosters a sense of community, partnership, and collaboration that will motivate participants to become involved in Rockford's future. Leadership Rockford is a nine-month program, which consists of panel and group discussions, business and community tours, networking, and a team project.

Our Community needs the next generation of educated, informed leaders. Leadership Rockford works to build a cadre of well-informed, well-connected, well-coordinated citizens to help safeguard and direct our community's future.

### **THE PROGRAM**

- Access to key leaders and decision makers in the Rockford area
- An exclusive introduction to the people and places that make up the very core of our community
- Dynamic and significant interaction with emerging leaders as well as those firmly established in positions of influence in our region and state
- Encouragement and motivation for direct involvement in business and community leadership

### **THE CURRICULUM**

Class members meet two or three times a month, typically on Friday from 7:30 to 11 a.m. Occasional Thursday afternoon sessions, an overnight opening retreat and one all-day trip to Springfield, Ill., make up the balance of the program. Each session is designed to give the participant a new and exciting insight into the people and places throughout the community. A high level of interaction is vital to each session. Class members are expected to participate fully in discussions, tours and team activities.

The program requires a serious commitment from both participants and their employers or sponsors. In order to graduate from the program, a participant must attend 80 percent of the class sessions and make up sessions missed.

### **CRITERIA**

Emerging leaders are selected to participate in the Leadership Rockford Program. Whether new to the community, newly promoted within their place of business, or just eager to become more involved in the Rockford area, participants have already displayed a level of leadership. The scholarship applicant must be a Chamber Member.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**Community Commitment (list your community involvement)**

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**Other activities and accomplishments:** please list other relevant accomplishments, honors, offices held and activities community or business related

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**What evidence can you state to show your potential or experience as a leader?**

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**What do you hope to gain from your Leadership Rockford experience?**

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**Please list two pressing issues facing Rockford. Explain why they are of concern and give any ideas and suggestions that you may have for approaching and resolving these issues.**

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