

# Leadership Lindsborg

## **Dedicated to Lindsborg and the Smoky Valley**

### **What is Leadership Lindsborg?**

**Leadership Lindsborg is a program design to:**

- Strengthen the abilities of existing and emerging leaders in the greater Lindsborg area;
- Promote a vision of community development which recognizes the interdependence of the economic, cultural, social, political, educational, and spiritual dimensions of community life;
- Enhance understanding of the greater Lindsborg community, its heritage and traditions, and its future opportunities and challenges;
- Nurture cooperation within and among diverse elements in the greater Lindsborg community; and
- Facilitate the design and application of creative approaches to building a better tomorrow for the Lindsborg community.

**Leadership Lindsborg participants will:**

- Learn leadership skills and capacities in a creative way which can be used at work, home or volunteer activities;
- Increase their knowledge of Lindsborg and the surrounding area by participating in sessions focusing on Lindsborg history, heritage, economics, religion, cultural life, the arts, local government, state government, education and health;
- Network with people from Lindsborg and the surrounding area

**Leadership Lindsborg Program:**

The Leadership Lindsborg course consists of ten sessions from September through May with the exception of December. Sessions are held on Wednesdays and will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. with lunch provided. The program combines educational presentations from a variety of local and state leaders, tours, and dialogues between community decision makers and class participants.

Social opportunities are also planned into the program to allow participants to become better acquainted and to network on common concerns and interests.

### **Commitment from the Participant:**

The participant and their employer commit to attend all sessions of the Leadership Lindsborg program. Missing a session, whether a full or half-day, puts pressure on the rest of the class, as well as the facilitators who are volunteering their time to teach the program. The Leadership Lindsborg Board of Directors asks that you refrain from applying for the program if you are aware of a conflict with the session dates. A list of session dates is available from the Lindsborg Chamber of Commerce.

Whether tuition is supported by the participants or their employer, a full commitment from the employer is required. By signing the application materials, the employer is supporting the time commitment required and job related instances should not interfere with the sessions of Leadership Lindsborg. The employer is expected to support the participant by providing wages to the participant while the participant attends the sessions.

### **Tuition:**

Tuition for the program, consisting of 10 sessions with an overnight retreat to the Kansas State capitol, is \$250 per participant. Tuition is usually paid by the employer or organization sponsoring the participant. Tuition covers session costs, materials, meals, travel and accommodations.

Partial scholarships may be available upon written request. Requests should be given at the time the application is submitted.

### **How to Apply:**

Participants must be at least 18 years of age or be a High School student sponsored by the school. Application forms may be obtained from the Lindsborg Chamber of Commerce at 104 E. Lincoln. Deadline for applications is June 15.

Ten to fifteen participants will be selected from the applications submitted. Participants will be selected with emphasis given to diverse representation of the Lindsborg community in terms of age, gender and occupation.

### **Leadership Lindsborg is Co-Sponsored by:**

Lindsborg Chamber of Commerce and the Business Department at Bethany College, the City of Lindsborg and "Lindsborg Tomorrow".