

# 2020-21 Application

Thank you for your interest in Leadership Franklin County! Our program is open to all residents and employees of businesses in Franklin County. There are no prerequisites for the program, and all leadership experience levels are welcome.

LFC is a subsidiary of the Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce. In partnership with Neosho County Community College and Ottawa University, LFC offers a structured leadership development program that:

- Identifies and cultivates leadership skills.
- Creates awareness of challenges and opportunities in our communities.
- Inspires participants to embrace the responsibilities of providing leadership.
- Encourages action and involvement to enhance the quality of life in Franklin County.

The selection process for LFC is competitive. Class size is limited.

To be considered for class membership, submit:

- This completed and signed application
- A reference statement from your sponsor or personal statement of purpose if self-sponsored
- **Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.**
- **Deadline to apply: 11 p.m. Sunday, July 12, 2020.**

Return your application to:

Leadership Franklin County, PO Box 580 109 E. Second St. Ottawa, KS 66067 or  
[leadershipfrc0@gmail.com](mailto:leadershipfrc0@gmail.com)

If you have any questions about the LFC application process,  
email [leadershipfrc0@gmail.com](mailto:leadershipfrc0@gmail.com) or call 785.242.1000.

## Applicant Information

Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years working/living in Franklin County \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation/title \_\_\_\_\_

Employer (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer address (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

## Reflection

Please complete the following questions. If needed, attach additional pages.

1. What do you hope to gain from Leadership Franklin County?
2. What are your areas of interest for leadership involvement?  
(e.g., education, human services, health, economic development, government, arts/cultural)
3. In your judgment, what is the most important challenge facing the Franklin County area today?  
What is your recommendation for addressing that challenge?
4. How do you hope to apply skills learned in Leadership Franklin County throughout the local community?
5. How did you hear about this program?

## **References**

Please attach a reference statement from your sponsor. If you are self-sponsored, please include a purpose statement for applying for the class.

## **Resume / Involvement**

Please attach your resume and list community involvement or areas of community interest, if any.

## **Program Elements**

Leadership Franklin County provides a comprehensive nine-month program that requires:

- Selection, development and completion of at least ten hours of a community service opportunity. This requires additional time and effort outside of class sessions.
- Attendance at two public meetings, two civic meetings and two Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce events (e.g., school board, city commission, county commission, Rotary, Optimist Club, Chamber Coffee). Two of these meetings or events must be outside of your home city. A list, including meeting dates, times, and locations will be available at orientation. This requirement must be completed by April 15 to qualify for graduation.
- Participation in all class sessions. Sessions are full days, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (except where noted):
  - Thursday August 27 (Orientation/Retreat)
  - Friday, August 28
  - Thursday, September 17
  - Thursday, October 15
  - Thursday, November 19
  - December (No class: optional social activity or service day)
  - Thursday, January 21
  - Thursday, February 11
  - Thursday, February 25
  - Thursday, March 25
  - Thursday, April 15
  - Thursday, April 22 (Morning class with a graduation luncheon to follow)

## **Financial Commitment**

Leadership Franklin County 2020-2021 tuition is \$450 per class member. This fee includes instructor costs, materials, travel, lunches and refreshments. Do not send payment with this application. Please provide billing information. We will invoice the responsible party upon class selection. We understand the impacts of COVID-19 may affect your ability to participate in Leadership Franklin County. Financial assistance is available. If interested, please email [leadershipfrco@gmail.com](mailto:leadershipfrco@gmail.com)

Bill to \_\_\_\_\_

Company (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## **Agreement**

The Board of Trustees provides an excellent program for the benefit of the participants. It is understood any applicant accepted for participation in the class will follow the expectations below including attending all sessions, complete the coursework required, participate in the community service opportunity and be financially responsible for the tuition as indicated above. Absence from more than one session can jeopardize graduation from the class. Applicants also ensure the support of their sponsor/employer to attend all scheduled sessions and complete all coursework. Upon class selection and after payment, no portion of the tuition is refundable.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***The mission of Leadership Franklin County is to develop and inspire leaders  
to enhance the quality of life in our communities.***

# Class Expectations

## Welcome to Leadership Franklin County 2020-21

- We, as trustees, have put together a comprehensive nine-month program that is designed to assist you in learning about your own leadership style and your community. This program is based upon the framework included in this notebook. All program content falls into one or more of the five focus areas: Connections, Curriculum, Collaboration, Community and Capabilities.
- We will be traveling to Topeka on Feb. 11 for a tour of the state's capital.

## Requirements

- Attend all sessions. If you miss a session, eligibility for graduation must be determined by the Trustees which will include additional work to make up all missed parts of the session. Sessions are full days, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (except where noted, with social/breakfast time beginning at 8 a.m.):
  - Thursday August 28 (Orientation/Retreat)
  - Friday, August 28
  - Thursday, September 17
  - Thursday, October 15
  - Thursday, November 19
  - December (No class: optional social activity or service day)
  - Thursday, January 21
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- Participants are expected to engage with the curriculum inside and outside of class time.
- Cell phone use should be minimal and limited to break times.
- Select and complete at least ten hours of a community service opportunity (requires additional time and effort outside of class sessions). This will be discussed in detail during your first few class sessions, and the 2020-21 submissions can be found in this notebook. This opportunity is designed for you to make a difference locally in an area of interest you feel passionate about.
- Attend two community meetings (Rotary, Optimist Club, etc.), two civic meetings (school board, city commission, etc.) and two Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce events (Chamber Coffee, Ribbon Cutting, etc.) Following the meeting/event, complete the Meeting/Event Attendance Submission Form. This requirement must be completed by April 15 to qualify for graduation. A list of potential meetings is included in this notebook. Two of these meetings or events must be outside of your home city. Try attending meetings or events you've never attended!

Take time to get to know one another and the LFC Trustees!