

Participant Application



Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Leadership Wyoming is a locally based program that has been designed to develop an informed and active group of leaders, who will have a strong sense of ownership, trustworthiness, responsibility and a commitment to the common good of Wyoming County. This program will develop leaders in the county who will examine major elements of life, business, and government in the county through participating in presentations by guest speakers, panel discussions, site tours, and group problem-solving exercises. During this ten-month program, participants will meet once a month and examine the following topics: Government and Criminal Justice; Education; Tourism, Arts & Culture; Community Resources & Volunteerism; Business, Industry & Agriculture; Leadership/Strategic Thinking; and Healthcare.

Leadership Wyoming is open to anyone 18 years or older living or working in Wyoming County. Each year, up to 25 participants will be selected based on their demonstrated leadership abilities, interest in community affairs, volunteer involvement, and a commitment to Wyoming County's future. Every effort is made to achieve a cross-section of participants from business, professional, educational, governmental, and non-profit organizations, as well as diversity in gender, race and geographic area.

Applicants must have the full support of the business or organization they represent. The Leadership Wyoming Selection Committee will choose participants based on the information submitted in this application.

Applications must be completed in full and signed by the applicant, employer and financial sponsor if other than yourself. Please limit answers to the available space. A resume will not substitute for this completed application but please feel free to attach your resume if you like.

Program Dates

Leadership Wyoming begins with a two-day opening retreat in March and the remaining sessions will take place on the fourth Thursday of each month, from 8:00am – 5:00pm, through December.

Attendance

Attendance and full participation is required at every session unless an emergency arises. In which case, only two excused absences for emergency situations will be allowed. Additional time may be required for some session participation and other program elements. Attendance at the two-day opening retreat and the graduation session is mandatory.

Tuition

Cost of this 10-month program is \$800. Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce members receive a \$50 discount on tuition. Tuition covers all program materials, instructors, the opening retreat, lunches and administrative costs. Tuition is non-refundable. Tuition is due in full by the Friday prior to the beginning of the program, unless special arrangements have been made with the Program Coordinator. There will be at least one full scholarship available to individuals without a sponsoring organization. If you wish to apply for a scholarship, please attach a single sheet request detailing your reason for the request.



Commitment

Candidate – If accepted as a participant in the Leadership Wyoming program, I understand that I am making a commitment to attend and fully participate in every session. I am committed to applying the knowledge and skills gained from this program in positions of leadership in my work and the community for the betterment of Wyoming County. I understand that I am personally responsible for any tuition not paid by my financial sponsor(s). I further understand that if I fail to meet these obligations, I will be asked to withdraw from the program. In addition, I also give permission to have my name shared with local groups and organizations that may be interested in my skills and interests.

My signature: _____

Employer

I agree to allow my employee, if accepted, to devote the time necessary to be an active, contributing member of the Leadership Wyoming program.

Employer signature: _____

Print name/title/organization: _____

Complete mailing address: _____

Candidate and Employer signatures are both required. Applicants without both signatures will not be considered.

Employment

Present title: _____

Present Employer: _____

Business Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Phone: _____ *Fax:* _____

Email: _____

Whom do you lead within your organization and how do you influence or lead them? _____

What do you consider your most important career accomplishment to date? _____

List previous positions held with your present employer and other employment beginning with the most recent:



Education

Please list your educational background including college(s), advanced degrees and/or specialized training:

Community Activities

Please list community, civic, professional, religious, and other organizations of which you are a member.

Please indicate any significant accomplishments in which you played a role.

If you have not been involved in the community in the past few years, what has changed to make you seek involvement at this time?

How would you like to be involved in the community in the future? Please be specific, i.e. health services, education, charitable organizations, government, etc.

What is your most important community service accomplishment to date?



General Information

Why do you want to participate in Leadership Wyoming?

Describe what, in your opinion, is a challenging issue facing Wyoming County today and how you would work to overcome it.

Describe one (1) initiative/project/program that is having a positive impact on the quality of life in Wyoming County.

How do you think others would describe you?

What skills or talents do you have that could be transferred to community service?

What would you like to gain from participation in the Leadership Wyoming program?

Please list any professional honors or awards you have received since graduation from college/completing formal education.
