



PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FOR CLASS OF 2026

OUR MISSION

We build, strengthen, and inspire leaders through training and networking experiences.

BENEFITS OF LEADERSHIP NORTHWEST MISSOURI

Leadership Northwest Missouri will:

- Provide high quality training to enhance your leadership skills
- Give you the opportunity for in-depth discussions of issues facing our region
- Enhance your ability to look at issues in a regional context
- Identify avenues for active participation at the local and regional level
- Create a network of regional contacts
- Provide opportunities to participate in regional class projects
- Grant Professional Development Hours (60) at no additional cost

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Participants will be selected based on their desire to become a more effective leader in the region. Leadership Northwest Missouri recognizes the strength of diversity and will strive for a diverse class composition. Our region is defined as the following 19 counties: Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan, Caldwell, Carroll, Clay, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Holt, Linn, Livingston, Mercer, Nodaway, Sullivan and Worth. Each county will be guaranteed one class spot. (If a qualified application is not received from a county, the unused space will be available to anyone within the region.) Applicants will be selected based on the county in which they reside or work. The Selection Committee reserves the right to review and select applicants from outside the defined region.

TIME COMMITMENT AND CLASS MEETING DATES FOR CLASS OF 2026

Classes will meet monthly beginning with a two-day retreat on January 21 and 22. They will continue at locations throughout the region on February 19, March 19, April 16, May 14, June 4 and June 18. Graduation will take place the evening of July 16.

Regular classes begin at 9am and adjourn by 4pm. There will be required evening activities on January 21.

There will be two required Zoom sessions for Class Project Planning on April 23 and May 21 from 4pm-5pm.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Completed applications must be **received or postmarked by November 1, 2025**. The Selection Committee will then review applications and select class members. Notification of selection will be made by email no later than November 14, 2025. Full tuition payment is due by January 9, 2026. No refunds will be made after the due date.

Mail or e-mail your completed application to: Leadership Northwest Missouri
1010 W. St. Maartens Drive, Suite C
St. Joseph, MO 64506
leadershipnorthwestmissouri@gmail.com

PERSONAL DATA

Name: _____ Female ____ Male ____

Preferred First Name: _____ Month/Day of Birth: _____

Company/Organization _____

Present Title or Responsibility: _____

Length of Time with Employer: _____

Work Mailing Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____ County _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____ County _____

Preferred Phone # that will allow you to receive text messages in case of last-minute notifications regarding inclement weather plans: _____ Home Cell Work

Preferred E-mail: _____

***Work Address, Preferred Phone and E-mail Address will be shared with class members.*

Please Indicate any Special Dietary or Accommodation Needs: _____

Highest level of education completed: _____

Name of School	City/State	Degree
_____	_____	_____

How did you hear about Leadership Northwest Missouri? _____

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Leadership exists in many forms in the community. Please list and describe two (2) leadership experiences, in order of importance to you and how you believe you played an important role.

1. _____

2. _____

PRIOR LEADERSHIP INVOLVEMENT

In what other leadership programs have you participated? (NA if not applicable.)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

To aid in the selection process, check the categories below which best describe the sector(s) in which you presently work or serve. Please write **W** for work and **S** for service which includes board involvement and volunteerism.

- _____ Business Services (banking, accounting, finance, law, etc.)
- _____ Commercial/Retail (architect, construction, real estate, developer, etc.)
- _____ Communication Services (public relations, advertising, media, etc.)
- _____ Education (education administration, teacher/professor, etc.)
- _____ Government (state/county/city/township administration, police, fire, etc.)
- _____ Healthcare/Life Sciences (healthcare administration, provider, researcher, insurance, etc.)
- _____ Manufacturing
- _____ Non-Profit (social services, business services, etc.)
- _____ Small Business/Entrepreneur
- _____ Community Advocate/Volunteer

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Please list your involvement in professional organizations, business and community board service and volunteerism.

Name of Group/Affiliation	Positions Held	Period of Time
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

GENERAL INFORMATION

What do you hope to gain from your participation in Leadership Northwest Missouri?

Identify one significant issue facing Northwest Missouri today. Explain why you chose this issue.

COMMITMENT

A. Tuition

Tuition is \$1,000 and includes lodging on January 21, 2026, all session meals and snacks, a participant notebook and *Leadership Challenge* materials.

Partial scholarships are available to potential class members that are personally funding all of their participation in the class.



I am personally funding *all* of my participation in the class.

(Must submit scholarship application with this participant application.) Available at:

<http://www.leadershipnorthwestmissouri.org/program-information>

B. Attendance

Attendance at all sessions is required!

*You are expected to attend every session. However, you will be allowed to be absent from **one session** with prior approval and permission of the Executive Director. An absence is missing a whole session or any part thereof. If you miss more than the one approved absence, you will need to make up the applicable session(s) the following year in order to graduate.

If selected, I am willing to attend all Leadership Northwest Missouri sessions and devote the necessary time to be a contributing member of the Leadership Northwest Missouri 2026 class.

I have read and understand the attendance policy stated above.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Media Release: I hereby grant permission to LNWMO to use photographs and/or video of me in publications, news releases, online, and in other communications related to the mission.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

I agree to pay Leadership Northwest Missouri the tuition for the above applicant, if accepted. I understand tuition is **due by January 10, 2026. No refunds will be made after the due date.**

Financial Sponsor Name (Please Print): _____ Title: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

Employer Name (Please Print): _____ Title: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____

Tuition: \$1,000

Scholarship: No Yes

Total Due: _____

Total Received _____ # _____