

## Benefits of Leadership Oshkosh

Leadership Oshkosh, a program of the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, benefits both you and the community. The knowledge and understanding gained from the training program will prepare individuals for leadership roles in both their organizations and the community. As a result of their leadership experience, graduates are more knowledgeable and are better equipped to make key decisions affecting their own organizations, the community and themselves.

## Adjunct Board Experience

During the nine-month program, Leadership Oshkosh students serve as adjunct board members to gain insight and understanding into the world of nonprofit organizations and governance. This experience helps prepare them for community service opportunities.

## Fundraising Experience

Students participate in selecting a community charity and running a fundraiser. Understanding how to do so is an important part of community leadership. The last three classes have successfully operated a trivia contest that has benefited our community resources.

## Where are Leadership Oshkosh graduates now?

Since the program began in 1989, Leadership Oshkosh graduates have assumed many leadership roles in the community. Currently, alumni serve on the Oshkosh School Board, Oshkosh City Council, Winnebago County Board and in the State Assembly. They are civic and company leaders, service club members, and they serve on nonprofit boards, churches and community organizations.

## Leadership Oshkosh Program

The goal of the Leadership Oshkosh program is to identify and recruit current and emerging leaders from various segments of the community and to train them to become active and involved citizens. This is accomplished through a combination of mentoring, volunteer experience and education.

The dynamic nine-month Leadership Oshkosh program includes monthly sessions that introduce students to the inner workings of the city. During those nine months, students also engage in small group experiences, team building, and hands-on activities.

In addition, students are assigned an adjunct position on a local nonprofit board of directors and participate in selecting and managing a fundraiser. These experiences stress the importance of being an active volunteer leader while providing valuable insight into the challenges and rewards of serving a nonprofit organization.

Ultimately, Leadership Oshkosh fosters collaboration between individuals and organizations, creates a climate of involvement and channels each student's passion for involvement into action.



### Applications are due by June 1, 2019

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# Leadership OSHKOSH

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## Enriching the community



one leader at a time.

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## Purpose of Leadership Oshkosh

The purpose of Leadership Oshkosh is to engage individuals through involvement that promotes a thriving community built on enhanced knowledge and motivated by improved leadership skills. The nine-month Leadership Oshkosh program offers many benefits.

- 1. Learn**  
Learn leadership skills and vital information about the community that will connect you with the resources you need to succeed.
- 2. Network**  
Build a network of community contacts while developing life-long business friendships.
- 3. Experience**  
Experience the community through the varied monthly programs and adjunct service on diverse nonprofit boards.



History & Community Planning Day  
Class of 2019

## Leadership Oshkosh Curriculum

### Retreat

Students begin the program by attending a two-day retreat, which familiarizes them with the program. During the retreat, participants engage in team building exercises, strength assessment, examine leadership styles and learn how nonprofit organizations operate.

### History and Community Planning Day

Participants learn about the history of Oshkosh and long-range plans for the city's future. A bus tour gives students an up-close view of the activities that are shaping our city.

### Government Day

Students learn about city, county and state government and how they work together for the benefit of the community. A mock common council meeting provides first-hand experience into the world of government.

### Arts & Culture Day

Students tour historic places and cultural centers, such as the Paine Art Center & Gardens, and the Grand Opera House. They also engage in a lively performing arts experience.

### Business Day

Local business leaders provide an overview of regional and national business trends affecting our community. Students also visit local businesses and plants.

### Health & Human Services Day

Students gain an understanding of the various entities that serve the social and health needs of our city and participate in a poverty simulation.



Education Day  
Class of 2019

Students visit local schools and participate in a discussion with education leaders of the common issues or challenges that confront all education institutions. Participants join the quest for quality education in our community.

### Criminal Justice Day

This class provides an insider's view of our criminal justice system, giving participants a unique vantage point. Students visit the prison, Sheriff's Office, diversion programs, active shooter training, and police departments.

### Opportunity Day

This last session examines some of the opportunities facing the community and the class. Students also have an opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments and successes.