

Program schedule:

- Early Applications - \$175 due by Dec. 30, 2016
- **Application deadline: January 13, 2017**
- Orientation: January 19, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Retreat: Friday January 27th, 1 p.m. through Saturday, January 28th at 2 p.m.
Regular Meetings: Thursdays, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
February 16 & 23
March 9 & 30
April 13 & 27
- Graduation Banquet: May 11, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Program locations to be announced.

Participants are expected to attend all scheduled sessions. There is also the expectation that participants will read materials between meetings and complete other homework.

“The AB Leadership Program was very valuable to me and my ability to take some chances and pursue new opportunities, thus I speak highly of its intent and purpose.” - 2013 Participant

Costs:

The cost for the program is \$199 (or \$175 due by December 30th) and covers lodging and food at the retreat, materials, guest presenters and the banquet.

Applications are due January 13. A check for the tuition should accompany your application payable to **Ashland County Leadership**. Some employers or organizations might help with the tuition fee. Partial scholarships are available. Please contact program for details.

How to apply:

Application forms are available online:

<http://ashland.uwex.edu/ashland-county-community-development/2017-leadership-program/>

or pick-up an application at either UW-Extension office. An application can also be mailed to you upon request.

2015 Leadership Class



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Ashland & Bayfield
Counties

Leadership Program 2017



Developing Leaders to Build Strong Communities

“Leading in the right direction the right way. All the whys and hows of great leadership delivered by state of the art leadership professionals. A must take class for increasing your effectiveness in any organization regardless of your position within it.” - Charles Ortman, 2015

2017 Ashland & Bayfield Counties Leadership Program

Make a difference!

Interested in serving your community, growing an organization, revitalizing your business and perhaps changing the world? The Ashland & Bayfield Counties Leadership Program is designed to enhance your leadership skills toward building rewarding relationships, utilizing your strengths more effectively and fine-tuning decision making skills to generate motivation and execution.

"The program helped me build more self-confidence, which I was lacking before." - 2009 Participant

We want you!

This four month program accepts 15 - 20 adults from Ashland & Bayfield Counties who are committed to enhancing their leadership skills and have a desire to begin or continue their community involvement. Previous leadership experience is not required. The program will benefit those who are, or would like to be: organization members and officers; board members; faith lay leaders; concerned citizens; elected officials; community volunteers; business people; and non-profit employees.

Previous program graduates are: serving as leaders of organizations, working on community committees, boards, and projects, serving as elected officials, achieving job advancement and networking to improve our local communities.

What will the program look like?

The Ashland & Bayfield Counties Leadership Program, for 15-20 chosen participants, is an interactive opportunity to strengthen individual leadership skills. With an emphasis on networking, decision making and personal development toward building richer relationships, this two-county invitation is extended to anyone wishing to fine-tune their interpersonal skills of leadership. Effective public and private leadership requires great flexibility working with diverse populations, interests, passions and talents. We're hoping the program participants comprise that diversity.

"Diversity! We had such a mix of people that it was so neat being part of the diversity and all the roles these people play in our community." - 2011 Participant

If this speaks to you in your current leadership position, or you're considering taking a greater leadership role in your community or work, this is a great opportunity for you to hone those skills to be a more effective leader. Varied Ashland/Bayfield locations expose the participants to a variety of settings to broaden awareness and appreciation of this beautiful Chequamegon Bay area.

The draft program schedule is available online at:

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Purpose:

The program's focus is to create a network of local leaders who will help guide our communities through change while insuring the healthy quality of life we so cherish. Engaged citizens are better prepared leaders who, in turn, increase the effectiveness of organizations and the vitality within communities.

Who benefits?

The individual program participants and the organizations in which they're involved will benefit from the program. This program enhances a group of energized individuals bringing new skills to civic engagement and community participation.

Outcomes:

- Personal leadership skills
- Confidence to seek greater community involvement
- Broader perspectives of area issues
- Sharper communication skills
- Renewed sense of pride for self and region
- Network of local leaders and change agents

"Social Change results only when people take it upon themselves to get involved and make a difference."- Leadership Reconsidered