



# LEADERSHIP HELENA PROGRAM APPLICATION 2023-2024



## SHAPING HELENA'S FUTURE

The goal of Leadership Helena is to develop informed, engaged leaders in the Helena area through professional development, networking, Chamber and community involvement.

**Why Participate in Leadership Helena?** Leadership Helena incorporates leadership development and community involvement to provide participants with the tools necessary to question standard practices, encourage new visions, empower themselves and others to act, and to make a difference in the Helena community.



## Goals of Leadership Helena

- To cultivate and motivate industry leaders
- To acquaint participants with community needs and encourage offering alternatives for solutions
- To give participants an opportunity to meet community leaders, to associate in a meaningful way with their peers and to be motivated toward greater community involvement
- Introduce participants to leadership skills in the second year of involvement through planning sessions
- Building connections with fellow businesspeople, networking, referring professionally, mentorship, personal and professional growth

## Selection & Tuition

- Candidates will be selected with a goal of establishing a diverse mix of professions, activities, and backgrounds

**Class size is limited to 30 participants**

- Tuition:
  - **\$1,200 for Chamber Members**
  - **\$1,500 for Non-Chamber Members**
  - Tuition fee is payable upon acceptance in the program. This fee covers the costs of the beginning retreat, individual session meals, materials and group transportation. (Tuition is nonrefundable and must be paid in full by September 1, 2023.)
  - Disclaimer: If a community health event occurs and we are unable to complete the year in person, the year will be completed virtually– there will be no refunds.

## Applications Due

**Deadline: End of the Business Day, July 10**

## Program Requirements

- Leadership Helena participants will initiate their experience with a two-day, mandatory retreat in September. This is followed by eight all-day sessions held over the next several months.
- Two-year commitment: Graduates of the class will work together the following year to organize two session days each for the next Leadership Helena class. The second year will include fundraising and professional speaking as well as organization of session days for the Leadership Helena class.
- Participants may not be absent for more than 2.5 days total. The beginning retreat is mandatory. Failure to meet mandatory retreat attendance and/or exceeding the 2.5 missed days will result in a failure to graduate. Class members who fail to meet the attendance requirements will not be invited to attend graduation and will not be allowed to participate in the planning of the session days with their fellow class members in year two.

# LEADERSHIP HELENA 2023-2024 SCHEDULE

## Orientation

Wednesday, September 13

## Beginning Retreat at Blacktail Ranch

Thursday & Friday, September 21  
& 22

## Monthly Sessions from 8am -5pm

## Historic & Culture Day

Thursday, October 19

## Workforce & Education Day

Thursday, November 16

## Social & Community Day

Thursday, December 14

## Quality of Life Day

Thursday, January 18

## Growth & Planning Day

Thursday, February 15

## Government & Politics Day

Thursday, March 21

## Human Needs Day

Thursday, April 18

## Graduation Day

Thursday, May 23

# 2023-2024 LEADERSHIP HELENA APPLICATION

NAME:

TITLE:

BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION:

INDUSTRY SECTOR:

GENDER: ☐ Male ☐ Female AGE GROUP: ☐ 20-29 ☐ 30-39 ☐ 40-49 ☐ 50+

DATE OF BIRTH:

DAY / MONTH / YEAR

CELL PHONE:

BUSINESS PHONE:

BUSINESS MAILING ADDRESS:

HOME MAILING ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

NAME OF SUPERVISOR:

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS/PREFERENCES:

TUITION RATE: ☐ \$1,200 Chamber Member ☐ \$1,500 Non-Chamber Member

TUITION PAID BY: ☐ Employer ☐ Self ☐ Employer & Self ☐ Other

WHO RECOMMENDED THIS PROGRAM TO YOU:

*Attendance Requirements: Acceptance into the Leadership Helena program includes a two-year commitment. The first year consists of a mandatory retreat and eight sessions, spanning from October through May. Attendance at retreat is mandatory. Participants are only allowed to miss 2½ days of the monthly sessions. Anyone missing more than 2½ days of sessions (a ½ day absence is allowed only one time) will not be recognized as a Leadership Helena graduate. The second-year commitment after graduation provides first hand leadership training as planners for the LH session days. The second-year responsibility does not require attendance at each session day, only the two sessions you select to organize. The leadership skills that you will be using your second year will include fundraising for donations to cover your session day costs, professional speaking skills for the introduction of speakers and topics and organizational skills in setting agendas of the day's events. Please review the dates of the retreat and sessions and consult with your employer about attendance requirements. Your signature below verifies that, if accepted into the program, you and your employer agree to abide by the attendance requirements.*

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISOR

DATE

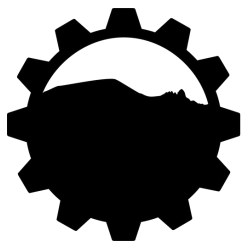
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REQUIRED: Please complete the required questions below and include these with your application:

1. Explain how you think Leadership Helena can help you fulfill your own aspirations to be a leader in the Helena community.
2. How will participation in Leadership Helena benefit your organization?
3. Please attach a resume that includes your educational background and work history.



**HELENA**  
Area Chamber of Commerce

*Please return your application to:  
Helena Area Chamber of Commerce  
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Helena, MT 59601  
Or to [caschim@helenachamber.com](mailto:caschim@helenachamber.com)*

All applications, scholarships, payment information and program information contact  
Callie Aschim 406-442-4120 ext. 101

***Leadership Helena is a program of the Helena Area Chamber of Commerce***