



Leadership
HELENA

PROGRAM OF THE HELENA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

LEADERSHIP HELENA PROGRAM APPLICATION 2024-2025



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.



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Applications Due

Deadline: End of the Business Day, June 28

Notifications by July 26

Goals of Leadership Helena

- Cultivate and motivate industry leaders
- Acquaint participants with community needs and encourage offering alternatives for solutions
- Give participants an opportunity to meet community leaders
- Associate in a meaningful way with their peers
- Motivate towards greater community involvement
- Introduce participants to leadership skills in the second year of involvement through planning sessions
- Build connections with fellow businesspeople, networking, professional referrals and mentorship

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:
 - **\$1,500 for Chamber Members**
 - **\$1,750 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 August 30, 2024.)
 - Please Note: 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.

Program Requirements

- Leadership Helena participants will initiate their experience with a two-day, mandatory retreat in September. This is followed by nine all-day sessions held over the next several months.
- Two-year commitment: Graduates of the class will work together the following year to organize three of the session days plus graduation for the next Leadership Helena class. The second year will also include fundraising and professional speaking as well as oversight of planning committee 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 2024-2025 SCHEDULE

Orientation

Wednesday, September 11

Beginning Retreat at Blacktail Ranch

Thursday & Friday, September 26
& 27 (return by 3pm Friday)

Monthly Sessions from 8am -5pm

Historic Helena Day

Thursday, October 17

Workforce & Education Day

Thursday, November 14

Philanthropy Day

Thursday, December 12

Personal Wellness Day

Thursday, January 9

City Policy & Advocacy Day

Thursday, February 6

Montana Heritage Day

Thursday, March 13

Human Needs Day

Thursday, April 10

Community Service Day

May Date Pending

Graduation Day

Thursday, June 5

2nd Year Orientation

Tuesday, August 12

2024-2025 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:

CELL PHONE:

BUSINESS PHONE:

DAY MONTH YEAR

BUSINESS MAILING ADDRESS:

HOME MAILING ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

NAME OF SUPERVISOR:

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS/PREFERENCES:

TUITION RATE: \$1,500 Chamber Member \$1,750 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 nine sessions, spanning from October through June. 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

STAFF USE: PAID _____

DATE REC'D _____



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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.



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*Please return your application to:
Helena Area Chamber of Commerce
225 N Cruse Ave Ste. A
Helena, MT 59601
Or to 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