



*Preparing our future leaders*

# Leadership Program

The Sault Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program is designed to bring a group of diverse individuals together to undergo a series of educational sessions where they will become knowledgeable on topics that impact and define our community. These individuals are recognized as potential leaders in the community and will be equipped with information, resources and relationships to help shape the future of the Sault Ste. Marie area.

Applicants will be selected on the basis of community involvement, career background, work experience, motivation, attitude and leadership potential.

## **The objective of the Leadership Program is to:**

- Identify participants who hold potential for community leadership
- Provide these leaders with community issues, resources and opportunities
- Increase the leadership skills of program participants
- Provide participants with opportunities to exchange ideas with each other and community leaders
- Encourage graduates to continue their community involvement and leadership in the Sault area

This 9-month program begins with a retreat weekend and continues monthly with a full day's session on given topics and wraps up with a development plan day. Graduation from the program will take place at the Chamber's Annual Dinner & Awards Banquet in February 2021. Each month, information will be presented from area professionals on the specified topic. Each session offers a variety of information, tours, hands-on experience and gives the participants an opportunity to interact with community leaders.

## **2020-2021 Program Session Topics Include:**

- Friday/Saturday, May 8-9 Orientation
- Thursday, June 11 – Government
- Thursday, July 9 – Education
- Thursday, August 13 – Legal System
- Thursday, September 10 – Business Planning
- Thursday, October 8 – Economic Development
- Thursday, November 12 – Media
- Thursday, December 10 – Healthcare
- Thursday, January 14, 2021 – Wrap Up/Development Plan

## **Requirements:**

- Registration deadline is April 14, 2020
- Program registration fee is \$400 per person and is **non-refundable**
- Each participant **must** attend the orientation and wrap up sessions
- No more than two (2) sessions can be missed



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# Sault Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program Application



The Sault Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program class of 2020-2021 is accepting applications. Applicants will be selected on the basis of community involvement, career background, work experience, motivation, attitude and leadership potential.

The objective of the program is to identify participants who have potential for community leadership, provide these leaders with community issues, resources and opportunities, increase the leadership skills of program participants, provide participants with opportunities to exchange ideas with each other and community leaders, and encourage graduates to continue their community involvement and leadership.

The leadership program is a series of nine (9), full-day sessions and one evening event covering such areas as education, government, economic development, media and other key segments of our community. Each session is meant to be informative and highly interactive. The sessions will include group discussions, field trips and presentations and will be on the second Thursday of each month from June through January. May is the orientation session. For more information, please call the Chamber at 632-3301.

**\*\*Registration Fee is \$400.00 (non-refundable) -- Application deadline is April 14, 2020\*\***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Education:** (List high school, college(s), business or professional training)

Name and City	Dates (From – To)	Degree	Major
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**Special Awards or Honors:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Employment:** (Present Employer) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have full support from your employer to be released from work to attend all of the required classes? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_.

What do you consider your greatest responsibility, skill or career achievement so far? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Organizations & Activities:** (Please list in order of importance to you up to three community, civic, professional, religious, social, athletic or other organizations/activities which you are or have been a member).

Organization/Activity	Dates of Membership	Position
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

What have you accomplished in these activities that you think is important? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How much time each month do you commit to community, civic, professional or other organizations? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include a brief statement as to why you are interested in the Leadership Program.** \_\_\_\_\_  
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