



# LEADERSHIP SIOUX FALLS 31

a program of the Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

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CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Complete each section in full according to directions.
- Please follow word limits as indicated.
- Secure two letters of recommendation.
- Secure required signatures on application.
- Submit original application and seven copies of all pages (including reference letters).
- Include \$10 application fee.
- Application deadline is 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 19, 2016.

Mail or deliver to:  
**Leadership Sioux Falls**  
**c/o Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce**  
**200 N. Phillips Ave., Suite 200**  
**PO Box 1425, Sioux Falls SD 57101-1425**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address where you prefer to receive LSF-related correspondence: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you lived/worked in the Sioux Falls area? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for Leadership Sioux Falls before? \_\_\_\_\_ When did you last vote? \_\_\_\_\_

**Provide the following information and answers to questions on separate sheet(s) and attach to this form. (May be replicated electronically)**

## EMPLOYMENT/EDUCATION (Do not submit a resume)

1. Employment history (Professional work experience for the last five years only)
2. Education (include high school, college, business/trade school or specialized training)

## QUESTIONS

1. Leadership exists in many forms in the community. Please list and describe three leadership experiences, in order of importance to you, where you believe you played an important role. (Limit 250 words)
2. What do you love about our community? (Limit 150 words)
3. In your judgment, what is the single most pressing issue facing our community today? Give your recommendations for approaching and resolving this issue. (Limit 250 words)
4. What do you think it takes to be a future leader engaged in business and community issues? (Limit 150 words)

## BIOGRAPHY (Do not submit a resume)

The program is a lot more fun than the application, so please give us a short bio in narrative form that includes an example of something unique about you. (Should you be selected to participate, this bio will only be used in the LSF 31 Class Directory)

## REFERENCES

Please secure two letters of reference. Attach them to your application or have them mailed/emailed to: Leadership Sioux Falls Selection Committee, 200 N. Phillips Ave., Suite 200, PO Box 1425, Sioux Falls, SD 57101-1425 or lfosheim@siouxfalls.com. Applications submitted without reference letters will be considered incomplete.

**APPLICATION FEE**

\_\_\_ \$10 Attached

There is a \$10 non-refundable application fee due with the application. Checks can be made payable to the Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

**TUITION** (Do not send payment with this application. If you are selected to participate, an invoice will be mailed.)

Tuition is \$475 and is non-refundable. Tuition covers all program costs including materials, meals, graduation banquet and Sioux Falls Day at the Legislature. Failure to meet the time commitment will result in being dropped from the program and tuition will not be refunded.

**If selected, tuition will be paid by:**

- \_\_\_ My organization/sponsor
- \_\_\_ Myself

**COMMITMENT/SIGNATURES**

The schedule of required sessions is as follows:

- Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.)
- Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016 (8 a.m.-Noon)
- Wednesday, Dec. 7 (8 a.m.-Noon)
- Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017 (Noon-8 p.m.)
- Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017 (All day trip to Pierre, 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.)
- Wednesday, March 8, 2017 (8 a.m.-Noon)
- Wednesday, April 5, 2017 (8 a.m.-Noon)
- Wednesday, May 3, 2017 Graduation (5:30-8:30 p.m.)

There is no substitute for your presence at Leadership Sioux Falls sessions. Attendance is a requirement. We have provided the dates well in advance as a courtesy and expect the same courtesy in holding these dates. The Leadership Sioux Falls Executive Committee reserves the right to drop any participant from the program who has unexcused absences.

I understand the attendance commitment of the Leadership Sioux Falls program and, if selected to participate, I will attend all eight sessions in their entirety and will commit the time and energy necessary to make it a successful experience. I understand that I am expected to serve and strengthen my community upon completion of this program. I also understand that submission of the application does not guarantee selection into LSF 31.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Applicant Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**EMPLOYER:** This application has the approval of this organization and the applicant has our full support, which includes the time required to participate in Leadership Sioux Falls.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Employer Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**DEADLINE**

All applications and attachments must be received at the Chamber office by **5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 19, 2016.**

**Thank you for applying for Leadership Sioux Falls 31**

The information on this application is used solely for the Leadership Sioux Falls selection process. All applications will be reviewed on a confidential, competitive basis. We strive to select a cross-section of participants from all sectors of the community. We are looking for individuals with a sincere commitment, motivation and interest to serve in the community. However, due to the strength of the applicant pool and the limit of 30 participants, some applicants who might otherwise meet the selection criteria may not be chosen this year. Such applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for the program again. For more information, contact Lauren Fosheim at (605) 373-2009 or lfosheim@siouxfalls.com.



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**COMPLETED APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

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