



Green County Leaders 2019-2020

Program Application

Due July 26, 2019

Program Description

Green County Leaders (GCL) is an educational program where individuals practice leadership skills, deepen their understanding of community issues and prepare for leadership roles, thereby creating a network of active and visionary individuals who leverage their experience and expertise to benefit their community and local community-based organizations.

The program involves a monthly all-day session from August through May. Program days are dedicated to both personal leadership development and community orientation, led by a variety of trainers, facilitators, and community leaders. Additionally, there are activities required outside of program days that provide outlets to use and refine skills, concepts, and tools introduced in sessions, and readings which are integral program components.

Through interactive community orientation, personal leadership development training, outside activities, and a hands-on team project, GCL provides participants with an increased capacity to contribute as effective leaders and a great knowledge of the area in which they live and/or work.

Candidate Qualifications & Selection Criteria

Class size will be limited to 25 participants in order to facilitate effective group learning and accommodate the size of many of the sites where classes will be held. The most important factor in selecting participants is identifying individuals who will utilize their leadership skills for the long-term benefit of the community.

GCL is seeking individuals who are:

- Passionate about strengthening community and civic awareness, commitment and involvement.
- Interested in their community and committed to making a difference.
- Open-minded and willing to take risks.
- Motivated and interested in new learning, self-discovery, community exposure, and networking.
- Interested in opportunities for advancement into leadership positions within their own organization, which may in turn play a significant role in the community.
- Individuals with a commitment to live and/or work in Green County.

Program Requirements & Expectations

In order to complete the GCL program, participants are required to:

- Attend a full-day program once a month, held in various locations. The schedule for the 2019-2020 program year is below. Classes are held from 8:00am-4:30pm. The February class is held from 7:30am-4:30pm and the May class is held from 8:00am-6:00pm.
 - Session 1: W. Aug. 28, 2019
 - Session 2: W. Sept. 11, 2019
 - Session 3: W. Oct. 9, 2019
 - Session 4: W. Nov. 13, 2019
 - Session 5: W. Dec. 11, 2019
 - Session 6: W. Jan. 8, 2020
 - Session 7: W. Feb. 12, 2020
 - Session 8: W. Mar. 11, 2020
 - Session 9: W. Apr. 8, 2020
 - Session 10: W. May 13, 2020

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- Engage in pre- and post-class reflections, exercises, and reading assignments. The amount of time needed to complete pre-requisites will vary but should in most cases take at most one or two hours.
- Participate in and contribute to a small team project and other activities that may take at least 20 additional hours outside of the scheduled meeting times. The amount of time committed to the project will depend upon the project team size and the scope of the project the team identifies.

Participants are expected to attend every program day. Absences affect the cohesion of the class and diminish everyone's learning. The full commitment of each class member is critical to the success of the program and each class member's experience.

Attendance for the first session is required. There are attendance requirements for the remaining program days, allowing participants up to 8 hours of excused absence for unexpected emergencies. Missing between 8 and 16 hours of class will require a participant to create a make-up plan. **If a participant misses more than 16 hours, he or she will be asked to withdraw from the program and forfeit tuition.**

Tuition & Scholarships

The cost of participating in Green County Leaders (GCL) is \$425.00 per person. Tuition covers the cost of all sessions, including speakers, meals, and materials.

Tuition assistance may be available on a limited basis. Those seeking financial assistance should contact Victoria Solomon for a Financial Assistance Request Form. Requests are confidential and have no bearing on the selection process. Assistance will not be granted for the entire tuition amount under any circumstances. If granted, assistance ranges from \$100-\$250. Award amounts are based on need, the number of requests received, and the amount of funds available each year. Priority for financial assistance is given to participants who are employed by small nonprofit organizations, public sector entities, or self-employed.

Application Instructions

Detach from the program overview/instructions and complete the following application, including attachments. Submit to Victoria.Solomon@wisc.edu or:

Green County Leaders
c/o Extension Green County, UW-Madison
2841 6th Street
Monroe, WI 53566.

Please note:

- **Application must be signed by the candidate, and if applicable his/her employer.**
- **Completed applications must be submitted by July 26, 2019.**
- **Tuition is due no later than September 10, 2019.**

For additional information, please call Victoria Solomon at (608) 328-9440 or Cara Carper at (608) 328-9452.

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Application

For your application to be considered complete, attach a cover letter to this application indicating the unique strengths and experiences you will bring to the GCL program learning experience, why you want to participate in GCL, and what you want to learn from the program.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____
Last First

Home Address _____
Mailing Address City Zip

Home Phone _____ Home e-mail _____

Number of years your primary residence has been in Green County _____

Are you a U.S. veteran? Yes No Prefer Not to Respond

EDUCATION

<u>School</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Major</u>

CONTINUING EDUCATION

(Specifically list any leadership courses or conflict management, effective meetings, facilitation, Covey's "Seven Habits"...)

<u>Title</u>	<u>Information learned (if not covered in title)</u>

EMPLOYMENT

Present Employer, if employed _____

Job Title _____ Date begun: _____

Work Address _____
Mailing Address City Zip

Work Phone _____ Work e-mail _____

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MINI-BIO

Please share a 3-5 sentence mini-bio. If selected for GCL, this bio will be used in the class directory.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Organizations and activities here or in other communities: Please list community, civic, religious, political, government, social, athletic, or other organizations of which you are or have been a member; and special awards or honors for activities here or in other communities. If selected for GCL, this information will be included in the class directory.

COMMITMENT

To graduate from **Green County Leaders**, participants are expected to commit the time to fully participate in the program by attending ten monthly all-day sessions (August through May).

Will you be able to fulfill this time commitment? Yes No

If no, explain all conflicts:

I understand the purpose and commitments of Green County Leaders, and, if I become a participant, I will devote the required time.

Applicant's Signature

Date

If employed, please have your employer sign below indicating support and commitment to this application. **Employers – please hold 4:00pm-6:00pm of Wednesday, May 13, 2020 so you can attend the project presentation and program graduation celebration.**

Employer Signature

Date

Print Employer Name & Title

Employer Email Address

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