



LEADERSHIP WASHINGTON

Guiding, Directing & Empowering Today's Leaders



Leadership Washington 2025 ~ 2026 is a nine session program designed to educate civic-minded individuals about current industries, issues, and concerns which face the Washington area

Leadership Washington is a premier community-awareness program promoting leadership within Washington. We educate, inform, and inspire participants to bring out their inherent quality to understand how we can best propel Washington into greater prosperity. The ultimate goal is to instill passion in our current emerging leaders while fostering a high level of civic engagement.

Since its inception in 1989, Leadership Washington has graduated hundreds of men and women from both the private and public sector. This diverse group of alumni represents every industry in the community and virtually all walks of life.

A real 'eye-opener,' Leadership Washington gives its participants a full-spectrum vision of the community. A new perspective on its people, its needs, and most importantly, its opportunities.

Leadership Washington gives its participants a wide range of exposure and insights into the industries that make Washington a great place to live. Through this enhancement of awareness, the program equips leaders to better appreciate and understand the condition of the community. What's more, those selected for the program build a 'network' with fellow participants that reaches across geographic, professional, and economic lines. This network is personally enriching far beyond the program year. For the best opportunity to make new acquaintances we discourage those in the same family or place or business from enrolling in the same year.

Tuition is \$350.00 for Chamber Members. We encourage a limit of one class member per business. Non-chamber members will be accepted only if space allows for an additional \$100.00. Chamber Bucks will be awarded at the end of the year to those with perfect attendance.

COMMITMENT

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As you consider applying to the program, please review the session dates for the year. Leadership Washington places the highest priority on full participation. It is important that all applicants make the necessary adjustments to accommodate the program schedule in order to attend the entire day. Please review personal and professional calendars.

Return application to: Chamber of Commerce, 205 West Main Street, Washington, Iowa 52353

Or, EMAIL your application to Chair, Pam Green: LW@washingtoniowa.org

Questions? Contact Chamber Director, Michelle Redlinger at michelle@washingtoniowa.org or call 319-653-3272

Name: _____ Employer: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Cell Phone _____

Leadership Washington places the highest priority on full participation in each day from beginning to end. It is important that all applicants make the necessary adjustments to accommodate the program schedule as does the leadership committee, who commit their time towards this successful program.. Please review personal and professional calendars. You and your employer must sign and date this application to indicate your commitment to making all sessions a top priority.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Employer Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please attach a brief biography about yourself as well as a headshot.

Photos taken during this program may be published to our website, social media, or other material. Do you consent for images and/or videos of you to be used for marketing and/or promotional purposes? YES NO



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2025—2026 CALENDAR

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Reserve the following dates on your calendar for a full day of Leadership Washington.
Keep this page for reference throughout the year.

Sept. 10 Orientation and City History Day: This will be your opportunity to learn about the upcoming class sessions and meet your class members. Enjoy lunch with the class and take off for a tour around the city to learn about the history of Washington.

Oct. 8 Economic Development and Finance Day: Tour the Washington Municipal Airport and the community, talk with WEDG/Chamber/Main Street, and learn about the local financial system.

Nov. 12 Education Day: Visit local education & support facilities as well as discuss today's education issues with administration and staff. Don't forget about extracurricular activities; we will also explore these facilities.

Dec. 10 Health & Fitness Day: Explore the Washington County Hospital & Clinics and get a firsthand look at Washington's Ambulance Service, Community Y, and Washington's recreational facilities.

Jan. 14 Business & Industry Day: Learn about Washington's businesses and industries; including a tour of a Washington manufacturing business.

Feb. 11 City and County Government Day: Experience the ins and outs of Washington's City & County Governance. You will get an insider look at the County Jail, Safety Center, Police Station, County Courthouse and City Hall and Fire Department.

March 11 Agriculture Day: Tour area farming operations and learn how progressive and innovative our agricultural community is.

April 8 County History Day: Traditionally, one of the highlights of the year. You will spend the day with Mike Zahs touring Washington County. You will visit old towns, Indian burial mounds and have an Amish meal.

May 13 Graduation: You will receive your class photo, certificate of completion and hear from a distinguished speaker over celebratory hors d'oeuvres and drinks; time & location TBA.

***This schedule is tentative. Subject to change if necessary.**