

LEADERSHIP FORT WAYNE

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT



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WHAT IS LEADERSHIP FORT WAYNE?

For 33 years, Leadership Fort Wayne has trained community leaders to embrace our community through civic engagement and by practicing servant leadership. Our goal of this eight month program is to train, prepare and inspire individuals to positively impact the community through civic engagement.

Admission is competitive. Class members are selected based on the information provided on the application. The selection process seeks a cross section of adult citizens – men and women from different career, educational, racial, ethnic, social and cultural backgrounds. **If you want to go behind the headlines, think creatively and act collaboratively, submit your application for Leadership Fort Wayne.**

"The biggest impact from my time in LFW was the exposure to so many individuals that are trying to make Fort Wayne a better place. I've heard over the past few years about all the initiatives (Riverfront development, Vision 2020, etc.), but **until you meet the people in person and experience their passion, you really don't understand truly what these initiatives will do for the community.**"

*Joe Cavacini,
Class of
2015*

THE PERKS

INSIDER ACCESS

Participants tour and meet some of the city's iconic institutions and leaders — along with the "behind the headlines" stories about the action in our community.

A NETWORK

Connect to the LFW alumni network of 1,200+ individuals.

LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Community orientation and leadership development content that gives participants a highly supportive, engaging and inspirational learning environment.

EXPERIENCE FOR THE FUTURE

Enhanced knowledge of civic issues, and how to participate on a nonprofit board, run for office or serve on a task force or commission.



PROGRAM SELECTION CRITERIA

- ▶ Open to persons living or working in greater Fort Wayne and surrounding counties
- ▶ Have the ability to achieve personal goals
- ▶ Availability of time and resources to commit to community service
- ▶ Demonstrate a personal commitment to the greater Fort Wayne community and to our society as a whole

Apply online at LFWapp.gfwinc.com!



2016-2017 PROGRAM DATES

Orientation/Retreat: October 20 & 21
November 10
December 8
January 19
February 16
March 16

April 13
May 11
Class of 2017 Graduation: TBD

Please note: All program days begin at 8 am and conclude by 5 pm.



PARTICIPANT EXPECTATIONS

Participants are expected to make a commitment to the program, attending at least 80% of the full-day sessions. The two-day Orientation and Retreat are considered mandatory. In addition to completing out-of-class assignments, class members will work on a community action team, provide community service, and attend specified events as assigned (such as city or county council meeting, community arts event, etc). A willingness to support LFW through time, talent and treasure for the benefit of the greater good of our community is also expected.

Absences or lack of participation may result in a participant being asked to leave the program or make up absences the following year. Certificates are awarded on the basis of satisfactory completion of the program.

TUITION INFORMATION

Tuition is \$1,800 for GFW Inc., investor employees and \$2,000 for non-investor employees. Tuition may be paid by an employer, a sponsoring organization or by the participant. A limited number of sponsorships to underwrite program days or Designated Seat Sponsorships are available to GFW Inc., investors only. Sponsorships are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Some limited scholarship or tuition remission opportunities may be available upon request. Questions about sponsorships and designated seats can be directed to (260) 420-6945 or Leadership@greaterfortwayneinc.com.



HOW TO APPLY

Each year, individuals are selected by an anonymous committee to participate in the program based on the merits of the application and letter of recommendation.

The application must be completed in its entirety, including one letter of recommendation, preferably from an LFW alumnus. Applicants are expected to have the full support of their employer or sponsoring organization. Those interested can apply online at LFWapp.gfwinc.com, or mail a paper application to Greater Fort Wayne Inc., Attn: Leadership Fort Wayne, 200 E. Main Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. Applicants may also email a scanned application to Leadership@greaterfortwayneinc.com. Applications are due June 30, 2016.



"LFW provides the resources to develop people with the desire and ambition to help their community so that they may contribute with a **higher degree of effectiveness.**"
Kyle Ness, Class of 2009



AFTER LEADERSHIP FORT WAYNE

Civic engagement and community service are expectations and outcomes of Leadership Fort Wayne. For over 33 years, LFW alums have supported the Fort Wayne community through their chosen service, which may include running for elected office, nonprofit board service or volunteerism.



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