

# LEADERSHIP FORT WAYNE

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP  
DEVELOPMENT



Class of 2017 - Thursday Cohort



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# WHAT IS LEADERSHIP FORT WAYNE?

For 35 years, Leadership Fort Wayne has trained community leaders to embrace our community through civic engagement and by practicing servant leadership. Our goal of this nine-month program is to train, prepare and inspire individuals to positively impact the community through civic engagement.

Class members are selected based on the information provided on the application. Admission is competitive.

The selection process seeks a cross section of 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 nearly 1,300 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](http://LFWapp.gfwinc.com)!





# 2017-2018 PROGRAM DATES

Orientation: September 21

Retreat: October 12 & 13

November 9

December 7

January 18

February 15

March 15

April 19

May 10

Class of 2018 Graduation: May 24, 2018

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



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## PARTICIPANT EXPECTATIONS

Participants are expected to make a commitment to the program, attending at least 80% of the sessions. The half-day Orientation and one-and-a-half day 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, including attendance.

# TUITION INFORMATION

Tuition is \$1,800 for GFW Inc., investor employees and \$2,000 for non-investor employees and individuals. 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](mailto: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 a updated resume, photo, and short biography. A letter of recommendation or reference form, preferably filled out by an LFW Alumnus is also required. If you are unable to receive a letter or reference from an LFW Alumnus, the recommendation may come from an employer, business associate, or friend. Applicants are expected to have the full support of their employer or sponsoring organization. Applications should be submitted online at [LFWapp.gfwinc.com](http://LFWapp.gfwinc.com). The new online application system requires each applicant to create a username and password, allowing them to complete the application at their pace. Applications are due Friday, June 30, 2017 at 11:59 PM. No late applications will be accepted.

For questions about the application process, please call 260-420-6945 or email us at [leadership@greaterfortwayneinc.com](mailto:leadership@greaterfortwayneinc.com)

## AFTER LEADERSHIP FORT WAYNE

Civic engagement and community service are expectations and outcomes of Leadership Fort Wayne. For over 35 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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"The opportunity to connect with such a diverse range of colleagues and learn leadership styles and effective ways of communication is priceless for development. Impact your community and challenge your view on life in Fort Wayne." *Reneta Thurairatnam, Class of 2016*

