

2009-2010 *Program Application*

Mission Statement:

To provide an educational program where individuals can practice leadership skills, deepen their understanding of community issues, and prepare for leadership roles, thereby creating a network of individuals committed to the future of Green County.

Sponsored by:

**Green County Development Corporation
UW Extension – Green County**

In cooperation with:

**Blackhawk Technical College
Local Business and Government Stakeholders**

**Green
County
Leaders**

to serve, to give,
to achieve together



Program Overview

<http://green.uwex.edu/cnred/leaders.html>

Green County Leaders (GCL) is an education program designed to help build community leadership. Participants meet one day per month, *September through May*. Programs focus on building community leadership skills and raising awareness of community issues including: Local Government, Justice & Safety, Healthcare, Economic Development, Community Infrastructure, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Land Use.

Participant Commitment

GCL program participants are expected to attend an orientation, nine full-day sessions, and a graduation held in various locations throughout Green County. The schedule for the 2009-2010-program year is (Sessions 1-9 are all from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm):

- Orientation, August 26, 2009
- Session 1, September 9, 2009
- Session 2, October 14, 2009
- Session 3, November 11, 2009
- Session 4, December 9, 2009
- Session 5, January 13, 2010
- Session 6, February 10, 2010
- Session 7, March 10, 2010
- Session 8, April 14, 2010
- Session 9, May 12, 2010
- Graduation, May 19, 2010 (6:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

Participants are expected to participate in program activities, which include, among others, team building exercises, role-plays, case studies, speakers and tours. In preparation for each session participants are expected to complete session pre-requisites. The pre-requisites vary from month to month and may be a reading, preparation for a role-play, interviewing a community leader, attending a local government or non-profit board meeting, or completing reflection questions. The amount of time needed to complete pre-requisites will vary but should in most cases take you only one or two hours. In addition to attendance and pre-requisites, participants will be asked to identify and work with classmates on a community project. The amount of time committed to the project will depend upon the project team size and the scope of the project the team identifies. Time will be given during sessions to identify project ideas and meet with project team members.

It is also important for participants to recognize that most of the communication between sessions will occur using a class ListServ, so an email account will be needed for each participant. Participants will also utilize a class website for accessing pre-requisites, session agendas, community project information, and additional resources. Program leadership will work with participants to adapt to and overcome barriers to accessing this information that individuals might have.

Tuition & Scholarships

The cost of participating in Green County Leaders (GCL) is \$395.00 per person. Applications received by 4:00 p.m. July 15, 2009 are eligible for the 2008-09 tuition rate of \$350.00. Tuition covers the cost of all sessions, including speakers, meals and materials.

A limited number of partial scholarships are available. Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need. **To apply for scholarship funds submit with your application a letter of request outlining your need.** If you have any questions please contact the Green County Development Corporation, at (608) 328-9452.

Selection Criteria

Class size is capped at 20 participants in order to facilitate effective group learning and accommodate the size of many of the sites where classes will be held. If there are more than 20 program applicants' members of the GCL Executive Committee will review the applicants and select 20 that create a balance of backgrounds, locations in the county, gender, tenure in the county, as well as other factors of diversity.

The most important factor, however, in selecting participants is identifying individuals who will utilize their leadership skills for the long-term benefit of the community. The basic criteria for achieving this selection are:

- ◆ Individuals with a sincere commitment, motivation and interest to serve in the community.
- ◆ Individuals with potential or existing 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.
- ◆ Individuals with a commitment to personal and community growth.

**APPLICANTS: PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR INFORMATION.
RETURN THE FOLLOWING PAGES TO GCDC BY JULY 15, 2009 (FOR A REDUCED
TUITION OF \$350) OR BY JULY 29, 2009.**

**NO PAYMENT IS DUE UNTIL AFTER ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM. APPLICANTS
WILL BE NOTIFIED BY AUGUST 7TH AND PAYMENT WILL BE DUE BEFORE AUGUST
25, 2009.**

**CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO
GREEN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
AND SENT TO: GCDC, N3150 HIGHWAY 81, MONROE, WI 53566.**

GREEN COUNTY LEADERS

APPLICATION – PART 1

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____
Last First Preferred First Name Middle

Home Address _____
Mailing Address City Zip

Home Phone _____ Home e-mail _____

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

EDUCATION

(Begin with high school, then college(s), business, or trade schools and or specialized training.)

<u>Name & City of School</u>	<u>Dates (from-to)</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>Dates (from-to)</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 Fax _____

Work e-mail _____

What are your major responsibilities?

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.

COMMITMENT

To graduate from **Green County Leaders**, participants are expected to commit the time to fully participate in the program by attending each of the following sessions:

- Orientation (August)
- Nine monthly all-day seminars held the 2nd Wednesday of the month (September – May)
- Evening graduation (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 employer sign below indicating support and commitment to this application.

Employer Signature

Date

Print Employer Name & Title

Please attach - PART 2: Comments Regarding Green County Leadership - PART 3: Recommendation

The information contained in this application is kept confidential. In an effort to ensure the highest quality program, class size is limited to 20 persons. Tuition is due upon acceptance in the program or before August 26, 2009.

**Return application by mail or in person to:
Green County Leaders
Green County Development Corporation
N3150 Hwy 81
Monroe, WI 53566**

If you have questions or concerns, please call Green County Development Corporation at (608) 328-9452.

NOTE: An electronic version of this application is available. Please email us to request the file – gcdc@tds.net.

APPLICATION – PART 2

GREEN COUNTY LEADERS

Name: _____

Please respond to the following questions:

“Why do you want to be a participant in Green County Leaders? What is your personal goal?”

“What do you feel is Green County’s greatest strength?”

“What do you believe will be the two or three significant issues or challenges the county will face in the next 10 years?”

*“How do you see **Green County Leaders** helping you to be involved in resolving problems related to these issues?”*

“Name someone (past or present) whom you consider to be a great leader and explain what characteristics about this person you admire most.”
