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**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF LEADERSHIP STILLWATER?**

Leadership Stillwater is a program designed to identify, motivate and engage emerging community leaders to assist in developing their potential. This is accomplished by stimulating an interest in Stillwater and by providing a common meeting ground of shared concerns among leaders from all sectors of the community. LSW prepares participants for more active involvement in the community.

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**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

- Expand participants' leadership potential by increasing their knowledge of critical issues facing the community and connecting them to current community leaders.
- Expose participants to qualities of leadership: goal setting, management styles and interpersonal relationships.
- Provide information about the key organizational structures within the community.
- Motivate potential leaders to assume responsibilities and opportunities inherent in the program.
- Increase volunteerism.

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**PROGRAM ACTIVITIES/REQUIREMENTS**

- Participants will meet for 14 interactive sessions
- The first sessions are an orientation and retreat on August 17 and 18.
- Leadership development
- Internship with a non-profit organization
- Police ride along
- Attendance at one city council
- Required group project.
- Graduate(s) will facilitate the next year's sessions

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**SELECTION**

- Participants must live or work in Stillwater or have a genuine interest in the community and commitment to giving back and making a difference in Stillwater.
- Individuals will be selected through a blind selection process.
- Leadership Stillwater does not discriminate based on age, sex, race, sexual orientation, religion, or national origin.
- Due to the limited class size, applicants who are not selected are encouraged to reapply in subsequent years.

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**TIMELINE**

Applications must be submitted by **5:00 PM on Friday, June 30, 2023**. Applicants, whether selected or not, will be notified by **July 14, 2023**. The first meeting will be held **August 17, 2023**.



**\*DATES AND TIMES ARE TENTATIVE AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE\***

<b>August 17</b>	Orientation Backstage	6:00 – 9:30 PM
<b>August 18*</b>	Retreat TBD/OSU Ropes Course	11:30 AM – 6:00 PM
<b>August 24*</b>	Creating Strong Teams Central Rural Electric Cooperative	3:00 – 6:30 PM
<b>August 31</b>	Human Services Stillwater Community Center	3:00 – 6:30 PM
<b>September 7*</b>	City Services Various Locations	3:00 – 7:30 PM
<b>September 21*</b>	City Government City Stillwater Municipal Building	5:00 – 8:00 PM
<b>October 5*</b>	Team Leadership Building Stillwater Chamber of Commerce	4:00 – 7:00 PM
<b>October 12*</b>	Healthcare Systems Stillwater Medical	3:30 – 6:00 PM
<b>October 19*</b>	Impact of OSU Athletics TBD	3:30 – 7:00 PM
<b>November 2*</b>	Stillwater Economy - LSAA Reception Various locations	3:30 – 7:00 PM
<b>November 16*</b>	Public Safety Stillwater Police Department	4:30 – 8:30 PM
<b>December 7*</b>	Education Meridian Technology Center	5:00 – 8:00 PM
<b>December 14*</b>	Agriculture OSU Campus	3:30 – 6:00 PM
<b>January 11*</b>	Wrap Up Spears School of Business Building	9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
<b>January 19*</b>	Graduation – Chamber Annual Awards Gala OSU Alumni Center/After Party – TBD	6:00 – 10:30 PM

**Please consider the time commitment required to participate in Leadership Stillwater. Any participant missing more than TWO sessions will be asked to withdraw from the class, and the Orientation and Graduation sessions are mandatory. The Graduation date will be confirmed when selected applicants are notified but is tentatively set for January 19, 2023.**

**Personal Information**

**Name** (*First, Middle Initial, Last, Suffix if any*):

**Name you wish to be called** (*i.e., "Will" instead of "Willard"*):

**Length of residence in Stillwater:**

**Address** (*Street, City, Zip*):

**Home Phone:**

**Cell Phone:**

**Email Address:**

**Current Employer:**

**Job Title:**

**Employment History** (*In reverse chronological order*):

<b>Employer:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

**Education** (*Begin with high school, then college, business or trade schools and/or other training*):

<b>Name &amp; City of School:</b>	<b>Date Completed:</b>	<b>Degree/Certification/Licensing:</b>
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**Organizations & Activities**

*List in order of importance to you up to five organizations of which you are or have been a member:*

<b>Organization:</b>	<b>Approximate Dates of Membership:</b>	<b>Official Position(s) Held:</b>
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

**How much time per month do you commit to community, civic or professional organizations?**

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**Have you been as active in community, civic or professional activities as you would like to be?**

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**If not, what has been the major barrier to you becoming more involved?**

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**Extracurricular Activities and Special Honors or Awards for Leadership Activities:**

## References

Please provide references that will attest to your leadership and community commitment (*i.e., business leaders, community leaders, Leadership Stillwater alumni*)

**Name & Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What do you hope to gain from your Leadership Stillwater experience?**

**In one sentence, who do you admire most and why?**

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**In your opinion, what are the three most pressing problems facing Stillwater today?**

Please explain why and provide recommendations for approaching and resolving these problems.

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**If you could spend \$1 million on any three things, what would they be?**

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**In one word, how would you describe Stillwater?**

**Tuition:**

The **tuition fee** for the program is **\$650** and is to be paid upon acceptance as a participant by the participant or their employer unless other arrangements have been made. A one-year subscription to the Leadership Stillwater Alumni Association is included in the tuition fee.

A limited number of partial financial assistance tuition grants are available where circumstances warrant for not-for-profit entities.

A limited number of scholarships are available to assist with the tuition fee. If you would benefit from either a full or half scholarship and would like to be considered for a scholarship, please check the box below. Your application will be further reviewed by a scholarship panel that selects the scholarship recipients.

**Yes, please consider me for financial assistance.**       **I will not be applying for financial assistance.**

If you desire, include a brief statement indicating how the financial aid will help you. This is voluntary, and you will not be penalized if you do not include one.

**LEADERSHIP STILLWATER APPLICATION DUE: FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2023.**

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## Applicant Commitment:

I understand that Leadership Stillwater is intended to be a learning experience and requires the following commitment on my part:

1. Attendance at the **Orientation Thursday, August 17, 2023**, and **Graduation** at the Chamber Awards Gala is **mandatory**. The date of graduation will be determined by the time participants are notified.
2. No more than two absences are permitted. An absence at the opening orientation or at the final session will result in elimination from the program. There will be no exceptions and no refund of tuition.
3. Participants must intern at a local non-profit organization during the session, participate in the group project, attend one city council meeting and complete a police ride along.
4. Graduates will help plan and facilitate Leadership Stillwater for the following year.

Graduates of Leadership Stillwater become vital links in Stillwater's community service network. I agree to volunteer my time, energy, and skills in the future. I understand the purpose of the Leadership Stillwater Program and that completion of this application does not ensure acceptance in Class XXXII. If selected to participate, I will devote the time required. I understand the above commitments and agree to be bound by them by typing my initials here: \_\_\_\_\_.

Please select one or both enrollment options below:

Leadership Stillwater Program: \$650.00

Lifetime Alumni Association Membership: \$100.00 (Optional)

Total Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed applications should be emailed to [mandy@stillwaterchamber.org](mailto:mandy@stillwaterchamber.org) or delivered to the Chamber office. Class sizes are limited, so we encourage you to apply for future classes if you are not selected.