

LEADERSHIP CANTON

“Strengthening Community Involvement”

A community’s health and success is based on its leaders abilities to work together to address challenges, seize opportunities, and develop future solutions.

Vision

Leadership Canton is designed to strengthen and develop its community’s leader base so to have a healthy and thriving Canton.

Mission

The Leadership Canton program provides an advanced knowledge of community resources, township structure and practices, issues affecting our community and networking opportunities.

What is Leadership Canton?

The Leadership Canton program will develop well-rounded individuals with a tremendous insight into Canton Township, Canton Chamber of Commerce, Canton Human Services, Canton’s education system, and much more. The leadership skills developed in this program can be applied within your professional situation, or individually for those seeking to become more involved in the community. Participants meet once a month, at various locations in the community, from January - June. Each day-long session addresses a specific topic in the community and most sessions include guest speakers, a tour of area facilities and extensive networking opportunities with other students. Topics explored include:

- The Nature of Leadership
- Community Development
- Challenges of the Future
- Local, County and State Government
- Health and Human Services
- Education
- Business and Economic Development
- Public Safety and the Justice System

Leadership Canton Alumni will build a stronger, more cooperative volunteer base within the Canton community. The skills learned in the program prepare our graduates to take on leadership roles within the community and at their jobs. As a bonus, participants of the program become more civic-minded, supporting and giving back to the communities where they work and live.

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Application for Participation

Program Requirement

- It is mandatory for participants to attend First Session (Reception & Opening Session the following day).
- Participants are expected to be on time and attend all sessions.
- Students missing more than two classes will not graduate and may be asked to withdraw from the program, with no tuition refund.

Application Instructions

- Please complete each section in its entirety.
- Type or print in ink.
- Limit answers to space provided.
- Application must be signed by applicant and Business Owner or Supervisor if applicable.
- Letter of recommendation required. Please return with application.
- A \$100 application fee must be turned in with the initial application. Remaining balance of \$400 program fee required within one week of acceptance of applicant.

Tuition/Acceptance

Acceptance decisions for the Leadership Canton program are made by the Leadership steering committee.

- Successful candidates will be notified by mail or email of their acceptance into the program.
- Tuition is \$400. Payment is required in full within two weeks of the start of the program.

Scholarships

Partial scholarships are available through the Leadership Canton Alumni Association.

If you like to apply for scholarship assistance, you must submit a letter of need with your application, along with \$100 (application fee). If you are not accepted into the program and/or do not receive a scholarship, your application fee will be refunded.

Scholarship Recipients:

- Scholarship recipients are required to give back to Canton Township and/or the Canton Chamber through participation in committee work, special events, or community service following graduation.
- Scholarship recipients will be required to reimburse Leadership Canton Alumni Association for scholarship monies if they do not complete program and/or do not meet graduation requirements.

Personal Information

Name: _____ Age (optional): _____

Home Address: _____

Email: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Employment Information (if applicable)

Company Name: _____

Office Address: _____

Job Title: _____

Yrs. at Company: _____ Yrs. In Position: _____ Company Phone: _____

Company Fax: _____ Present Manager: _____

I would prefer to be contacted at: Home Work

Why do you want to participate in Leadership Canton?

Two References (These people will be contacted)

Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Contact Phone: _____

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Name any leadership role(s) you have had.

Organization: _____

Position: _____ Years Held: _____

Describe Responsibilities: _____

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What do you consider your most important accomplishment?

In what ways have you been involved in the Canton community?

What kind of volunteer activities would you like to become involved with?

Scholarship Request (attach additional sheets if necessary)

Business Owner Commitment (if applicable)

Our organization will allow the release time required by the Leadership Canton program. I will work with the participant in enhancing their leadership skills and community involvement.

Company Name: _____

Owner's/Manager's Name: _____

Owner's/Manager's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Personal Commitment

By applying for the Leadership Canton program you are committing to the following:

- I understand the Introduction evening event and the Nature of Leadership Classes are mandatory classes.
- I understand the purpose of Leadership Canton and am willing to make the once a month commitment to the program.
- If I miss more than 2 sessions I will not be able to graduate from the program and will not receive a refund of any kind.
- If I am granted a Leadership Scholarship, I will volunteer with Canton Township or Canton Chamber of Commerce upon graduation.
- If accepted as a Leadership Canton participant, I will allow my name to be included in promotional releases.

Are you willing to fulfill these commitments? ___Yes ___No

Due to budget requirements for the program, once a student has been notified that they have been accepted into the program, the tuition is due and payable. Tuition must be paid in full two weeks prior to the start of the program.

I understand the attendance requirements and all commitments of the Leadership Canton program. If selected, I will fulfill my obligation outlined in this application. In addition, I agree to serve the Canton community in a voluntary capacity in the future.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Check Payment

Make check payable to Canton Chamber of Commerce.
On memo line write "LC - (participant's name)".

Mail to:
Canton Chamber of Commerce
Attn: Leadership Canton
45525 Hanford Road
Canton, MI 48187

Credit Card Payment

Name on Card: _____

Billing Address: _____

Card Type: Visa Mastercard American Express Discover

Card Number: _____ Security Code: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Checklist

- Letter of Recommendation attached
- \$100 application fee
- Completed application form
- Business owner's/manager's signature (if applicable)
- Applicants commitment and signature

Final Information

Return completed application and application fees to:
Canton Chamber of Commerce
45525 Hanford Road
Canton, MI 48187

Application is downloadable at the Leadership Canton website.

Website: LeadershipCanton.com
Facebook: [Facebook.com/LeadershipCanton](https://www.facebook.com/LeadershipCanton)
Email: Info@LeadershipCanton.com
Phone: 734.453.4040

