

What will the program look like?

The Ashland & Bayfield Counties Leadership Program is a 5-month interactive educational program, taught by UW-Extension and local leadership development specialists. The program begins with an orientation session, followed by an overnight retreat designed to sharpen personal leadership and networking skills. Regular meetings follow (see schedule), each focusing on a different skill or community issue designed to build greater community involvement perspectives and engagement.



Sessions will be held in and around the Ashland-Bayfield County area and may include indoor and outdoor experiences.

Specific program topics and locations will be shared at the orientation meeting. A copy of the complete 2009 schedule is available as an example on our web site. We will build the 2010 schedule based on interests of 2010 participants.

Who benefits?

The individual participants, the organizations and businesses to which they contribute their new skills, and our communities, will benefit as a group of energized individuals bring new skills to civic engagement and community enhancement.

“Social Change results only when people take it upon themselves to get involved and make a difference.” - Leadership Reconsidered

How to apply:

Application forms are available for pick-up or by mail from the Ashland and Bayfield County UW-Extension Offices or download from the web at:

<http://www.uwex.edu/ccs/ctv/ashland/cnred/index.html>



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Ashland & Bayfield Counties

Leadership Program



Developing leaders
to build strong communities in
Ashland & Bayfield Counties

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2010 Ashland & Bayfield Counties Leadership Program

Make a difference!

Interested in improving your community, growing an organization, revitalizing your business, or perhaps changing the world? The Ashland & Bayfield Counties Leadership Program will give you the skills, relationships, experience, and confidence needed to contribute to the betterment of our region.

"The program helped me build more self-confidence which is what I was lacking before."
2009 Participant

Purpose:

Ashland & Bayfield Counties Leadership Program engages aspiring and emerging leaders, giving them the skills, confidence, and commitment to contribute to creating positive community change through their personal, public, and professional lives.

The program focuses on creating a network of local leaders that will help guide our communities through change while insuring high quality of life and positive growth.

Engaged citizens and better prepared leaders increase the effectiveness of organizations, the vitality of communities and the quality of life in the region.

"Participating in this program gave me the confidence I needed to write my first grant for a civic project at a local school garden."
2009 Participant

We want you!

This five month program accepts 15 -20 adults from Ashland and Bayfield Counties who are committed to enhancing their leadership skills and have a desire to begin or continue their community involvement. Previous leadership experience is not required. The program will benefit those who are, or would like to be: organization members and officers; board members; chamber members; faith lay leaders; concerned citizens; elected officials; parents; community volunteers; business people; and non-profit employees.

Last year's program graduates are: serving as leaders of organizations, working on community committees, boards and projects, running for elected offices, achieving job advancement, and networking to improve our local communities.



Outcomes:

- Personal leadership skill development
- Confidence to seek greater community engagement
- Broader perspectives of community functions and issues
- Sharper communication and participatory citizenship skills
- Stronger community spirit and a sense of pride in the region
- Connection to a growing network of local leaders and change agents

"I feel the learning experience and networking opportunities gained from the Leadership Program greatly influenced my appointments to these positions and I intend on serving them well."
2009 Participant

Program schedule:

- Application Deadline: January 8, 2010
- Orientation: Thurs. Jan. 21, 8 am- Noon
- Retreat: Fri. 9 am - Sat. 3 pm, Jan. 29-30
- Regular Meetings: Thursdays, 8 am - Noon
Feb. 18
Mar. 4 & 18
Apr. 1 & 15
- Graduation - May 13, 2010, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Program locations to be announced.
Participants are expected to attend all scheduled sessions. There is also the expectation that participants will read materials between meetings and contribute to a community project.

Costs:

The cost for the program is \$150 and covers lodging and food at the retreat, materials, and guest presenters.

Applications are due January 8th. A check for the tuition should accompany your application payable to Ashland County. Some employers or organizations might help with the tuition fee. Partial scholarships are also available. Please contact program for details.

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ASHLAND-BAYFIELD COUNTIES LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

UW-Extension - Candidate Application

Please be sure to sign your application. If additional space is needed, please attach an extra sheet. Return completed application to the *Ashland County UW-Extension Office, 201 West Main St., Ashland, WI 54806.*

Please Print

Name:

Home Address:

Street City Zip

Home Phone: () Email:

Male: Female: Date of Birth:

(If you have a current resume you may submit it in place of the following 3 sections.)

Please list your recent **employment history**, with current job listed first.

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Title/Responsibility</u>	<u>From/To</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>

Education

Beginning with high school, please list schools and college(s) attended, degrees achieved, and any specialized training you've earned.

<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Major</u>

Community Involvement

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Role You Played</u>

General Information

How long have you lived in the Ashland-Bayfield County area? _____

A. What do you think are the most significant issues facing the local area today?

B. What do you think is the greatest strength of the regional community?

C. Why do you want to be in the Leadership Program ?

D. After you finish the Leadership Program, what kind(s) of community leadership activities would you like to become involved in?

Please list one reference who can speak to your leadership experience and/or potential.

Name

Phone

Tuition and Billing Information: The program costs \$150.

Please include a check for the fee with your application. The check should be made out to: *Ashland County*.

Refund Policy: Before January 21 – refund of 100%; January 21-28 – refund of 50%; After January 28: No refund.

Candidates not selected this year will be refunded ASAP.

Employer/Sponsor Support: (If applicable.) Check here if your employer is sponsoring your participation and have your supervisor sign below.

This candidate's application has the approval of this organization and the applicant has our full support, which includes the time required to participate in all aspects of the Leadership Program.

Firm or Sponsor

Print name of supervisor

Title

daytime/business phone

Signature of supervisor or sponsor

date

Commitment:

- **Community Projects:** In addition to the sessions, you will be asked to commit your time to a small group community project. The amount of time you will need to devote to the development of your project will be determined by the consensus of your small group. *Participation in the small group meetings is required.* Please be sure you can attend each of the program sessions before signing this commitment. (See brochure for dates/times.)
- **Selection:** If I am selected I will devote the time and energy necessary to complete all aspects of the program, including requirements for attendance and punctuality.

Applicant Signature

Date