

## Leadership Chamber the Connect

The Chamber of Commerce is excited to offer Leadership Connect, a Community Adult Leadership Program.  
The Mission of the program is to:

### **"Develop Leadership capacity for improved quality of community and self"**

This is a comprehensive Community Leadership Program that contains two components.

- » Personal Leadership Development – The participants will receive over 30 hours of leadership skill training. Each month a segment of the day will be spent on personal development. Some of the skill sets that will be covered in the program are; Understanding your leadership style, Teamwork, Problem Solving, Decision Making, Managing Conflict, Presentation Skills, Communication, Building Trust, Customer focus, etc.
- » Community Awareness - The class will explore seven different areas of the community and how they connect with one another. Each month the class will be meeting at various locations throughout the area. The participants will finish with a comprehensive understanding of the community.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Manglos, 616-842-0529.

Sincerely,



Nancy Manglos  
Director of Talent & Leadership Development



## **Application Instructions**

To assist the Selection Committee in giving you fair consideration, complete this application as accurately and completely as possible.

The Selection Committee is looking for applicants who...

- » Demonstrate commitment to the area.
- » Are willing to commit the time required to the Leadership program.
- » Are willing to invest time, resources & talents into strengthening our community.
- » Demonstrate a desire to better understand and improve their leadership style.

Send to:

The Chamber of Commerce  
1 S. Harbor Drive  
Grand Haven, Mi. 49417  
Attn: Nancy Manglos

If you have any questions, please call Nancy Manglos at 616-842-0529.

***The class is limited to 25 participants.***



## Leadership Connect Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last
First
Preferred Name

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

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street
City
Zip

Phone: Bus. \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Res. \_\_\_\_\_  
Years in the GH Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email. \_\_\_\_\_

Title or Responsibility: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Address, if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Employment (In reverse order)			
Employer	Title of Responsibility	from-To	Reason for Leaving
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

How many days per month does your work require you to be out of the area? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you consider your highest responsibility, skill or career achievement so far?  
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### Education

(List high school, college(s), business or trade schools and/or other specialized training)

Name & City of School	Dates from-To	Degree	Major
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Special Awards, Honors, Extracurricular Activities and Any Special Honors or Awards for Leadership Activities  
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### Organizations and Activities

(Please list, in order of importance to you, community, and civic, professional, business, religious, social, athletic and other organizations of which you are or have been a member) – **note these may be published**

Organization	Approximate Dates of Membership	Position Held or Participation
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____



## Commitment

Attendance at a 2-day retreat in September, day-long sessions, held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month, October through April, and a graduation program in May, are mandatory. Persons who cannot adjust their schedules to accommodate these 10 days should not apply. Class members are expected to attend each day session in its entirety. Are you and your employer willing to make such a commitment?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## References

(1 Employment related and 1 Non-employment related)

Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Tuition/Funding and Financial Assistance

Tuition for the Leadership Connect program is \$1700 per participant, and is payable at the time of acceptance to the program. Tuition is payable to Northwest Ottawa Chamber Foundation and is deductible under the Internal Revenue Service Code as a business expense.

## Acknowledgment

I have discussed with my supervisor my intention to participate in the Leadership Connect program. I understand that attendance at all scheduled Leadership sessions is mandatory, because my participation is essential to the program's success. I have reviewed with my supervisor the program schedule and have received permission to be absent from work on all scheduled dates. I have also discussed with my supervisor the importance of my participation in each session and that absence could result in my dismissal from the Leadership Connect Program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employer's signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(This verifies the employer's understand of attendance and tuition requirements)

## Selection Criteria

Leadership Connect is designed to bring together a diverse group of new, emerging and potential leaders from the area. The participants will learn about and address pertinent community needs. The participants will strengthen their individual leadership abilities to help the community respond to changing needs.

### Acceptance is based on:

- A demonstrated commitment to the area
  - A desire to better understand and improve leadership skills
- Interest in future community involvement



**Applicant's Statement**

(If not answering on the page provided, please reiterate the questions before answering each one)

A. Why do you want to participate in Leadership Connect? In your own mind, what makes you a potential leader? \_\_\_\_\_

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C. In what ways do you expect your particular skills, experience, and perception to contribute to our community?

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D. Summarize how you would use your experience after the program to benefit your employer, your community and yourself.

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