



Networking ... Personal Development ... Civic Involvement

Through this 8-session venture, we want to inspire participants to maximize individual strengths and skills while learning how to work within a group. The sessions introduce a variety of ideas and opinions and give class members plenty of opportunities for discussion with speakers and one another.

This is a great way to learn about our communities. By the end of the experience, participants will have a better understanding of themselves and how to share their skills in leadership roles. Armed with the knowledge about eastern Polk County and the tools to communicate ideas, participants serve as positive change agents within the region. For some, that may mean running for an elected office or serving on city boards or commissions. For others, the training will provide the confidence and skills to lead in church, a child's school or a civic organization. One thing is for sure, graduates of this program seek to continually improve the Eastern Polk County area in whatever way makes sense to them.

Class Participation:

The program is offered to any resident or person working in eastern Polk County (18 or older). A selection committee chooses the class participants based on a written application and essay questions (see below.) Class size is small, only 15, and we are looking for a cross-section of individuals that represent business, neighborhoods, non-profits and age groups. Acceptance into the program is not guaranteed, so applicants are encouraged to apply again if they are not chosen the first time.

Class members can only have ONE excused absence to be eligible for graduation. They are also expected to complete a leadership activity (see attached) in between classes and participate in the class service project.

Program Fees:

Tuition for the Eastern Polk County Leadership Program is \$100. This covers the cost of instruction, materials and 8 meals for the class. Checks should be made out to the City of Altoona and sent at the time of the application. Checks will be cashed after the selection committee has announced participants.

Class Schedule:

Class meets every other Tuesday evening from 5 to 8 pm in various locations. There is a mandatory Meet & Greet on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 with the first class beginning on Tuesday, September 10, 2013. (more details will be provided once individuals are selected.)

Eastern Polk County Leadership Program Application:
(Please drop off or send to the Altoona City Hall by April 12, 2013)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____ Zip code: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

E-mail address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Daytime and evening phone: _____

Employer: _____

Current Position: _____

How long have you lived or worked Eastern Polk County? _____

Have you ever served on a Board or Commission for local government? Yes No

If yes, please explain/list: _____

Are you interested in serving on a Board or Commission? Yes No

Please list some of the ways in which you have been involved in community activities in the past:

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Why would you like to participate in the EPC Leadership Program? What do you hope to gain from the experience?

In what ways would you like to be a community leader in the next five years?

List some of the topics and/or skills you would like to learn to make you a better leader.

In your opinion, what changes are needed to make Eastern Polk County a better place to live?

Briefly describe something about yourself that most people don't know (hobby, accomplishment, goal, etc.)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Notice: The cities of Altoona, Pleasant Hill or Mitchellville do not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, religion or mental/physical conditions. If special accommodations are needed or you have questions regarding the program, please contact Tina Mowry Hadden at 515-238-0609.

Deadline for submitting applications is April 12, 2013.

VOLUNTARY SURVEY:

Completion of this survey will assist us in future program development and ensure diverse representation of Eastern Polk County. It is not mandatory.

Please check the relevant data that applies to you:

Male Female

White African American Hispanic Asian Native American Other

Age: 18-25 26-35 36-45 46-55 56-65 Older

Please let us know how you learned about the Eastern Polk County Leadership Program:

Altoona Herald

City Website _____ (which city?)

City Newsletter _____ (which city?)

Word of mouth (explain) _____