

The Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce
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The Mission of the Elkhart Leadership Academy is to promote servant leadership through an awareness program that combines key community issues and enhanced leadership skill development to advance community stewardship.

“Each of us must be the change we want to see in the world” – Mahatma Gandhi

Dear Employer

Thank you for your interest in the Elkhart Leadership Academy sponsored by the Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber member companies throughout Elkhart County are invited to send an employee who has demonstrated a potential for leadership. In its 24th year, the Elkhart Leadership Academy’s nine-month program exposes each participant to key community issues and specific leadership capacities necessary for the 21st Century.

Over the last sixteen years, the Elkhart Leadership Academy has been successful in making participants aware of the Elkhart Community. However, we realize that our previous classes may have neglected providing more substantive leadership skills. This year we are embarking upon a new curriculum, which involves both community awareness and leadership skill development.

The first three sessions will focus on key issues facing the Elkhart Community. The next three sessions will be designed to promote skill development in the following areas: problem solving, teambuilding, conflict management, and decision-making and communication skills. The final three sessions will combine both awareness and skill development by connecting participants to organizations currently working to address community issues. Participants will be involved in a group project as well as serve one-year board internship with a local nonprofit organization.

We ask that when you consider candidates from your organization, you look for candidates who have demonstrated a potential for leadership and growth within your organization. Our goal is to provide Leadership Academy graduates who are aware of significant community issues and skilled to help creatively solve the problem. We understand that graduates of this nature will also be a great asset to local corporations such as your own. Thank you for help us in this process.

Please carefully review, complete and return this application form to the Elkhart Chamber of Commerce on or before August 27, 2010.

Thank you again for your interest in the Elkhart Leadership Academy. Please don’t hesitate to contact, Denise at the Elkhart Chamber at 574-293-1531 ext. 132 or dpolachek@elkhart.org if you have any questions.

Good Luck!

Christine Martin, Chair
Leadership Council

**The Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce
Elkhart Leadership Academy Application
2010-2011**

Deadline for submitting your application is August 27, 2010
~Please type or print ~

Name: Last _____ First: _____

Employer: _____ Job Title: _____

Business Address: Street _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Home Address: Street _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Describe your primary duties/responsibilities with your employer: _____

Please list your current community involvement and volunteer work: _____

List three people in our community whom you consider to be leaders:

What do you expect to gain from participating in the Elkhart Leadership Academy? _____

EMPLOYER'S AGREEMENT

Employers are in a position to recognize leadership potential. Therefore, applicants for the Elkhart Leadership Academy must have the full support and commitment of their employer because attending the overnight retreat and the subsequent eight monthly sessions is mandatory in order to successfully complete the program. The signature of the applicant's supervisor or head of the organization is needed below.

_____ has my support for the time commitment required to
Academy Applicant's Name actively participate in the Elkhart Leadership Academy.

Supervisor's Signature

Date

TUITION

The Tuition invoice will be mailed to you upon acceptance into the Elkhart Leadership Academy. Tuition is \$1000.00 for Chamber Members and \$1800.00 for Non-Members payable September 30, 2010. **Payment is final. No refunds will be allowed.**

SCHOLARSHIP

Will you need consideration for a partial scholarship? (Scholarship funds are limited to not-for-profit organizations or home-based businesses based on the Bylaws of the Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce)

Yes _____, Please explain _____

APPLICANT'S AGREEMENT

The Elkhart Leadership Academy is a learning experience and requires a commitment of time on behalf of the participant. **Participants must have the full support and commitment of their employer because attending the overnight retreat and the subsequent eight monthly sessions is mandatory in order to successfully complete the program.** In addition, the participant will be expected to participate in a project group that will require attending meetings outside of the Academy sessions. Attendance substitution is not allowed.

Applicant's Signature

Date

**THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED APPLICATION IS August 27, 2010.
All applicants will be notified of their status in August 2010.**