

## COMMUNITY/COUNTY ACTIVITIES

List community, civic, professional, religious, business, social or other organizations you have been involved in:

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How do you hope to use the skills and knowledge that you gain?

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Deadline for submitting applications is  
**September 1, 2011**

**Mail or email to:**  
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*Most communities had a speaker to talk about the history of their town. It was very nice to hear them talk passionately about their community. They all were involved in many organizations and committees within their town, so it shows the importance of being a good leader. – Shauna Gruber, Senior Staff Accountant*

*I gained new knowledge about myself to become a better leader for Medallion and other organizations. I've made life-long networking contacts – Kevin Hodson, Safety/NWT Manager*

*As a leader/volunteer/co-worker, I can make a difference with the skills and resources I have gained the past nine months. – Marla Thissen, Office Manager/Support Staff*

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## Program Schedule

Typical session runs 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

**September 29, 2011**

**Brownton**

Beginning The Leadership Journey

**October 27, 2011**

**Winsted**

Visionary Leadership

**November 17, 2011**

**Lester Prairie / Silver Lake**

Facilitative Leadership to Build Organizations

**December 15, 2011**

**Stewart**

A Leader For The Future

**January 26, 2012**

**Glencoe**

Leading Through Conflict

**February 23, 2012**

**Hutchinson**

Enhancing Community Through Collective Leadership

**March 22, 2012**

**McLeod County Facilities – Glencoe**

Leadership, Ethics and Courage

**April 26, 2012**

**Plato**

The Changing World of Agriculture

**May 18, 2012**

**Biscay**

Authentic Leadership: Your Summit Awaits Graduation



## Leadership Program 2011 - 2012



Empowering McLeod County communities to build a better tomorrow through communication, education and networking

## What is the Need

Complex challenges are impacting the communities in which we live. Addressing these challenges requires leaders equipped with new tools and resources for decision making and citizen action.

## How The Program Works

Participants gather one day each month in the communities throughout the county. Each day includes leadership training, meeting with community leaders, and tours of businesses and organizations in that particular community. Participants will tour, study and dine together. Each day ends with reflection and discussion on the application of the information learned.

## Who Can Participate

Each class is comprised of a maximum of 25 participants who either live or work in McLeod County. Participants can be current or emerging leaders who demonstrate an interest in the future of our county. Selected participants will be notified and sent additional information by mid September.



## Why Should A Business Sponsor An Employee?

The program provides high quality professional development at a very low cost.

Employers gain employees who:

- Increase their personal leadership, communication and team skills
- Have a greater understanding of the demographics, economics and opportunities in McLeod County communities
- Improve visionary leadership and ability for “big picture” thinking
- Are able to build professional networks and promote their respective business or organization
- Increase capacity to address critical issues and challenges

## How Do Participants Benefit?

You will...

- Develop a base of leadership knowledge and skills including effective communication, facilitation and conflict management
- Gain an in-depth understanding of your personal leadership style, and how to work with others more effectively
- Build personal and professional networks with community leaders and organizations throughout the county
- Develop confidence and skills necessary to serve in leadership roles

*I will be a better team player and leader after the experiences I have had and the things I have learned. Great connections and outcomes through meeting other members. – Kerry Ward, Health Educator*

## Leadership Workshop Topics

- Developing Exceptional Personal Leadership
- Authentic Leadership
- Visionary Leadership
- Enhancing Ethical Leadership
- Bridging Generational Trends
- Navigating Conflict More Successfully
- Making the Most of Your Team
- Effective Committees and Boards
- The Brain Gain: Trends in Rural Migration



*The key things I am taking away are definitely networking and training. Personally, it has helped me gain friendships in my community. Professionally, the training and networking have given me additional opportunities and resources for the development of employees in my organization. - Sheila Murphy, Human Resources and Development*

*Truly diving into the communities in McLeod County and listening to the accomplishments of the communities and also their struggles. I gained ties to each community and how I can help. – Kelly Roberts, Funeral Director*

## MFT Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor’s Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor’s E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Years living and/or working in McLeod County: \_\_\_\_\_

Tuition is \$325 which includes a MFT shirt, all meals, refreshments and training materials. A limited number of scholarships are available for those who need assistance. Will you need scholarship assistance in order to participate?

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

*I understand the purpose of McLeod For Tomorrow, the expectation to attend scheduled sessions, and that completion of this application does not guarantee my acceptance as a participant.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_