

THE APPLICANTS:

Individuals interested in participating must be nominated (by self or another person) and then complete and submit an application. A selection committee will review the information received and select the individuals to participate in this year's class. All applicants from the Wichita-Sedgwick County area are welcomed. Selection will be based, in part, on:

- Potential for expanding their leadership roles
- Interest in learning more about leadership skills and principles
- Interest in applying their gained leadership skills in the workforce and community
- Evidence of personal and professional improvements

A \$300 tuition is charged to cover program costs. Limited scholarship funds are available for those selected who need financial assistance.

Only those persons willing to attend all sessions and activities should be nominated or apply.

THE KEY:

You are the key to ensuring our local companies and community have future leaders ready to step forward. Your assistance in nominating talented candidates is needed to make the YPW Leadership Academy program a success.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Nomination forms are available on request or at www.ypwichita.org under the "News" tab.



A Program of the Young Professionals of Wichita
and Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce



WHY YPW LEADERSHIP ACADEMY:

YPW Leadership Academy is a leadership development program targeted at YPW members who are interested in growing their leadership capabilities. The course offers both professional development and community connections providing opportunities to advance in your career and in the community. Six bi-weekly sessions feature interactive exercises, issue exploration, self-assessments and in-depth conversations with Wichita's top community and business leaders.

A PROGRAM WITH PURPOSE:

YPW Leadership Academy will educate YPW members on their personal styles, values and strengths so they can grow as leaders, motivate others and impact change in their organizations and communities. It works to expand your leadership, career and life skills. The program begins with taking a closer look at your personal leadership style and then guides you in how to expand and utilize those skills via techniques to further your career.

Important dates for the 2012 program are:

- Nominations received by – October 28, 2011
- Applications received by – November 11, 2011
- Selection announced by – December 1, 2011

BENEFITS AND SKILLS:

- Gain valuable insights in communication, group dynamics, building consensus within a team, creative problem solving skills and much more!
- Expanding networks by connecting with potential business contacts or life-long friends
- Strengthened leadership skills that will translate to better job performance and company growth

2012 TOPICS & SCHEDULE

INTRODUCTORY MINGLE:

5:30 TO 6:30 PM • JANUARY 12

TOPIC: The class will meet each other and the Leadership Link Action Team

SESSION ONE

SELF EXPLORATION

3:30 TO 6:30 PM • JANUARY 17

TOPIC: Leadership style assessment and personal leadership philosophy.

SESSION TWO

LEADERSHIP BASICS

3:30 TO 6:30 PM • JANUARY 31

TOPIC: Leadership qualities and principles.

SESSION THREE

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

3:30 TO 6:30 PM • FEBRUARY 16

TOPIC: Exploring the many dynamics of communication.

SESSION FOUR

GROUP DYNAMICS

3:30 TO 6:30 PM • FEBRUARY 28

TOPIC: Steps to becoming a successful team.

SESSION FIVE

MANAGEMENT BASICS

3:30 TO 6:30 PM • MARCH 13

TOPIC: Management styles and principles.

SESSION SIX

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

3:30 TO 7:00 PM • MARCH 27

TOPIC: Beyond the workplace - utilizing leadership skills in the community, the essentials of political and civic engagement.

The program will conclude with an evening class recognition event following this session.

ABOUT YPW

Young Professionals of Wichita (YPW) is a Chamber initiative which offers innovative ways for young professionals in the Wichita area to socialize and expand their professional horizons. YPW is a membership-based organization geared towards Wichitans between 21 and 39. "YPs" are ambitious, educated, and wired; those ready to work hard, play hard, and make a difference in their community.

YPW's mission is to attract and retain diverse young talent through professional and social immersion in the Wichita community.

WHY YPW

YPW's goals are simple, by uniting diverse young professionals across the city we create a force that will both strengthen and grow metro Wichita and entice even more young professionals to live, work and play in this community. Benefits to being a member include:

- Professionals and social connections
 - 2100 members
 - 29 corporate investors
 - Over 200 organizations represented
 - Host between 3 to 7 events every month
- Leadership development
 - Both through the events we offer (Professional Development Series, Board placement) and by getting involved in an Action Team (running for a leadership position on a team, sitting on the YPW Board, etc)
- Awareness and support of the community
 - Twitter & Facebook updates, blog, LinkedIn and YouTube
 - Community calendar
 - Volunteer opportunities
- Receptive forum to voice opinions
 - YPW is completely volunteer driven. From inception to completion, members of our Action Teams make everything come to life.