

What will the program look like?

The Ashland & Bayfield Counties Leadership Program is a 6-month interactive educational program, taught by UW-Extension and local leadership development specialists. The program begins with an orientation session, followed by an overnight retreat designed to sharpen personal leadership and networking skills. Regular monthly meetings follow, each focusing on a different skill or community issue designed to build greater community involvement perspectives and engagement.

Sessions will be held in and around the Ashland-Bayfield County area and may include indoor and outdoor experiences.



Specific program topics and locations will be shared at the orientation meeting.

Who benefits?

The individual participants, the organizations and businesses to which they contribute their new skills, and our communities, will benefit as a group of energized individuals bring new skills to civic engagement and community enhancement.

“Social Change results only when people take it upon themselves to get involved and make a difference.” - [Leadership Reconsidered](#)

How to apply:

Application forms are available for pick-up or by mail from the Ashland and Bayfield County UW-Extension Offices or download from the web at:

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/ashland/cnred/index.html>



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2009

Ashland & Bayfield Counties

Leadership Program



**Developing leaders
to build strong communities in
Ashland & Bayfield Counties**

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Make a difference!

Interested in improving your community, growing an organization, revitalizing your business, or perhaps changing the world? The Ashland & Bayfield Counties Leadership Program will give you the skills, relationships, experience, and confidence needed to contribute to the betterment of our region.

“The capacity to lead is rooted in virtually any individual and in every community”
[Leadership Reconsidered](#)

Purpose:

Ashland & Bayfield Counties Leadership Program engages aspiring and emerging leaders, giving them the skills, confidence, and commitment to contribute to creating positive community change through their personal, public, and professional lives.

The program focuses on creating a network of local leaders that will help guide our communities through change while insuring high quality of life and positive growth.

Engaged citizens and better prepared leaders increase the effectiveness of organizations, the vitality of communities and the quality of life in the region.

We want you!

This six month program accepts 15 -20 adults from Ashland and Bayfield Counties who are committed to enhancing their leadership skills and have a desire to begin or continue their community involvement. Previous leadership experience is not required. The program will benefit those who are, or would like to be: organization members and officers; board members; chamber members; faith lay leaders; concerned citizens; elected officials; parents; community volunteers; business people; and non-profit employees.



Outcomes:

- Personal leadership skill development
- Confidence to seek greater community engagement
- Broader perspectives of community functions and issues
- Sharper communication and participatory citizenship skills
- Stronger community spirit and a sense of pride in the region
- Connection to a growing network of local leaders and change agents

“All of us will need better skills in listening, communicating, and facilitating groups, because these are the talents that build relationships.” [Leadership & the New Science](#)

Program schedule:

- Application Deadline: January 5, 2009
- Orientation: Thurs. Jan. 15, 8 am- Noon
- Retreat: Fri. Noon - Sat. 3 pm, Jan. 23 - 24
- Regular Meetings: Thursdays, 8 am - Noon
Feb. 19
Mar. 19
Apr. 16
May 21
- Graduation – June 11, 2009, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Program locations to be announced.

Participants expected to attend all scheduled sessions.

Costs:

The cost for the program is \$150 and covers lodging and food at the retreat, materials, and guest presenters.

Applications are due January 5th. A check for the tuition should accompany your application **payable to Ashland County.** Some employers or organizations might help with the tuition fee. Partial scholarships are also available. Please contact program for details.