

# McPHERSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## 2017 Leadership McPherson

### The Program is an experience . . . . .

Leadership McPherson begins with an overnight retreat near McPherson, and includes eight half day sessions, one approximately every two weeks. Each session will include a new leadership skill, and discussion with community leaders. The final session will include a celebration of class accomplishments and announcement of Class Project.

### The Participants . . . . .

The diversified group represents various business, professional, government, educational religious, and civic sectors. Participants must agree to attend and participate in all class sessions as well as the Class Project.

### The Fees . . . . .

Tuition for the Leadership McPherson program is \$300 /\*\$350 per person, which includes all materials, reception, meals & class celebration. Tuition can be paid by a business or organization for a participant or an individual can pay his or her own tuition.

*A limited number of scholarships are available.*

*\*non member rate*

*"I have spend the past 25 years developing my professional career in McPherson. Leadership McPherson provided opportunity for me to engage in conversation with many of our community's newest young professionals. It was refreshing to experience the energy and mindset of the younger generation. Brainstorming collaboration were key components to helping my class develop a meaningful community project."*

*-Anne Kirchner  
McPherson*

*Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Leadership McPherson Class of  
2015*



### Mission:

*Leadership  
McPherson  
develops leaders  
by empowering all  
people, igniting  
their passions and  
inspiring service.*

## The dates . . . . .

Enrollment Deadline . . . . . March 31

Class Reception . . . . . April 11

Overnight Retreat . . . . . April 20 & 21  
(4/20—9:30 a.m. Check in at Dyck Arboretum, Hesston, depart by noon on 4/21)

### Class Sessions

8:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Wednesdays—Locations to be announced.

#1 . . . . . May 3

#2 . . . . . May 10

#3 . . . . . May 24

#4 . . . . . May 31

#5 . . . . . June 14

#6 . . . . . June 28

#7 . . . . . July 12

#8 . . . . . July 26

Session #8 will also be the Class Celebration Lunch date.

The Leadership Class Celebration Lunch class members will announce the class project that is to benefit the youth of McPherson. Class members are encouraged to extend an invitation to sponsor, employer, spouse or anyone else you want to share this celebration with.



Since 1982 the McPherson Chamber of Commerce has provided the community based Leadership McPherson program.

Leadership is vital to moving a community forward and that is why the Chamber is involved. If McPherson is going to continue to be successful, we must have leaders at all levels.

Goals of Leadership McPherson:

- Examine new leadership concepts and their emerging roles in the communities
- Recognize, instruct and encourage effective, potential leaders with McPherson and surround communities
- Discover the concern and opportunities facing the McPherson area
- Develop a format for ongoing communication among new and established leaders—network ideas and involvement
- Inspire leaders to increase their civic involvement in the local area, use the skills learned in their home, work, family and organizations
- Create awareness of the importance of the future generations and keeping the McPherson area a great place to live.

# The Curriculum . . . . .

## Leadership Skills

Skills needed to lead effectively today are different than in the past. Leaders today must understand the value of collaboration and possess the ability to be a facilitator. Leadership McPherson class members will learn and experience hands on:

- Learning, Thinking, Working Styles
- Steps to a Performing Community
- Vision Process
- Servant Leadership
- Listening, Storytelling
- Collaboration
- Personal Mission

## Community Exposure

Leaders need to a good understanding of their community. Several sessions will include panels from different segments of the community.

## Class Project

Class members will use their leadership skills for the direct betterment of the community through a class project based on their vision for the community. Class members will be responsible for re-searching their idea, determining feasibility, acquiring resources to complete the project, completing the project and celebrating accomplishment.



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**Tell us about yourself (please print)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have lived in McPherson for less than 5 years—what brought you to this area?

\_\_\_\_\_

In your opinion, what are two issues/concerns facing the youth of McPherson? Youth is described as children of all ages under the age of 18.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant Commitment**

I understand I must attend the Overnight Retreat and participate in all class activities and sessions (all class members will be assigned a roommate for the overnight retreat.) I understand that only one excused absence from class sessions will be permitted. Any unexcused absence will prevent my program completion. In addition to the scheduled class sessions, participants will sponsor a Class project to benefit youth of McPherson and I am expected to participate in determining, creating and executing the project; the planning may require meeting outside class time to plan and organize the project.

All participants will be notified of the class composition. A class roster will be released to the media prior to the Overnight Retreat. Your signature provides understanding of all commitments required herein and provides authorization for release of information about those class members of the leadership program.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

As employer/supervisor/manager (if applicable) , I fully support and commit our business/organization for the time required to participate and the successful completion of Leadership McPherson.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of employer/supervisor/manager: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer Name: (print) \_\_\_\_\_

**Tuition**

Please submit tuition of \$300.00 if you are an investor of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce and \$350.00 for non investors. Tuition covers all program materials, meals, overnight retreat accommodations and (2) reservations for the Leadership Class Celebration Lunch.

The Leadership Board of Trustees will award scholarships of 1/2 the cost of tuition based on the request of need. Are you interested in scholarship assistance? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Additional Information**

Do you have any special needs such as food allergies, special diets, etc? \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit the completed enrollment form by March 31, 2017 form to:

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