

2018 LEADERSHIP OLATHE APPLICATION

*More Than 30 Years of Building Community Leadership
A program of the Olathe Chamber of Commerce*

Application to Leadership Olathe is open to persons who have or are currently living, attending school or working in the Olathe area. Class participants are chosen by the Leadership Olathe Steering Committee based on the merits of the applicant and the information submitted in the following application. All candidates must have the full support of the organization or business, as Leadership Olathe requires a serious commitment of time and focus. Attendance at all sessions is mandatory. In reviewing the applications, Leadership Olathe looks for potential participants who demonstrate the following criteria:

- A commitment and motivation to serve the community.
- A demonstrated background of community involvement or a sincere commitment to become involved.
- A history of leadership or evidence of potential leadership in one's career, organization, or community.
- The ability to make the time commitment required by the program.

The Leadership Olathe investment is \$1,100 for chamber members; \$1,500 for non-chamber members. Limited scholarship funds are available for those in need who meet tuition assistance guidelines and criteria. The scholarship request form must be completed and submitted with the application to be considered for financial assistance. The scholarship request form can be found at www.olathe.org. Tuition includes meals, materials, meeting space and transportation when appropriate. In order to be considered for selection, all nominees must complete the following application. However, completing this application does not guarantee selection.

For this application to be deemed eligible, all questions must be answered and include appropriate designated signatures. In addition, you are required to submit two letters of recommendation with this application. **This completed application must be received no later than Friday, November 10, 2017. Candidates will be announced by December 15, 2017.** Please read all instructions carefully. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Felski at bafelski@gmail.com.

I. Contact Information

First Name _____ Middle Initial ____ Last Name _____

Preferred First Name _____

Spouse's Name (optional) _____

Home Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ - _____

Mobile _____ Home Phone # _____ Work _____

Primary Email _____ Secondary Email _____

II. Employment / Education

Present Employer _____ Job Title _____ Date of Hire _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ - _____

Check your highest educational level completed and / or specialized training completed:

- High School Some College College Graduate School Doctorate
 Other _____

Name of high school where you graduated _____

Name of College/University (s) where you graduated _____

Military Service Branch _____ From _____ To _____

III. You and Your Community

Number of years in the Olathe area: _____ years

Hobbies/Interests _____

Complete these sentences: I am most proud of _____

My greatest strength is my ability to _____

Few people know I can _____

A. In your opinion, what is the one greatest asset of our community today?

B. In your opinion, what is the one greatest challenge facing our community?

C. Describe a situation when you utilized your own leadership skills in motivating a team:

D. Explain how you have had to deal with a conflict situation and how you resolved it:

E. What is your definition of a leader?

F. How much time do you currently (or hope to in the future) commit to volunteer activities? _____ Hours per month

G. List any volunteer political, social, civic, or religious organizations in which you are currently active:

Organization	Position (member, officer, etc.)
_____	_____
_____	_____

H. What do you consider your most important accomplishment in one of the above organizations and why?

I. What type of volunteer activities would you like to become active with in the future?

J. Do you have any political aspirations? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Possibly in the future

IV. Purpose

A. What motivated you to apply for this program?

B. What do you hope to gain from your participation in the Leadership Olathe program?

C. What do you think you can personally contribute to your community?

D. How did you learn of the Leadership Olathe program or if nominated, please list the name/organization who nominated you.

V. References

Please list two persons who are knowledgeable about your leadership performance and potential. One reference must be from outside your place of employment. Submit a letter of recommendation from each of the persons listed below with your application.

1. Name _____ Title _____

Company /Organization _____ Phone # _____

2. Name _____ Title _____

Company/Organization _____ Phone # _____

VI. Commitment **Attendance at all Leadership Sessions is mandatory.** Please refer to Program Schedule

VII. Community Engagement Liaisons (Leadership Olathe Alumni) are available to offer ideas and recommendations on how you can get involved in the community. This is a great opportunity to expand your network with very minimal time commitment. Are you interested in being paired with a community engagement liaison? Yes No

If yes, would you prefer a community engagement liaison in your same profession? Yes No

If yes, would you prefer a community engagement liaison in your same industry? Yes No

A. Applicant Signature

With my signature, I swear that all statements in this application are true. I understand the purpose of Leadership Olathe and if I am selected, I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the program. I further understand that my attendance at all sessions is mandatory. I also understand the above commitments and agree to be bound to them by signing this application. If selected, I will arrange to pay in full or make payment arrangements for my Leadership Olathe tuition no later than January 31, 2018.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

B. Employer Signature

As the employer, I will support this applicant's participation in the 2018 Leadership Olathe program by assuring that this applicant can attend each session.

Signature of Employer _____

Date _____

Save the completed document as a pdf and submit electronically with two letters of recommendation to bafelski@gmail.com by Friday, November 10, 2017

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