

## Leadership Commitment

The committee seeks representation from a cross-section of the county, including business, labor, education, arts, religion, government, and community-based organizations. The institute board is committed to providing a quality experience for class participants.

## Leaders Never Climb Alone

The Madison County Leadership Institute offers an interactive program to guide concerned citizens toward becoming knowledgeable leaders in addressing issues facing Madison County, including:

- Economic Growth
- Local Government
- Transportation
- Education

## Who participates in the Leadership Program?

- Business and home owners interested in economic growth.
- Individuals who care about quality education and the needs of Madison County youth.
- Farmers interested about the future of the family farm or about their hometown.
- Commuting executives seeking to strengthen hometown roots and to become involved in the issues affecting them and their families.
- Interested Madison County residents willing to take an active leadership role.
- Non-residents working in Madison County interested in continuing employment opportunities.



## How to apply:

Applications may be obtained online:

[www.madisoncounty.com](http://www.madisoncounty.com)

Email:

[mcli.connect@gmail.com](mailto:mcli.connect@gmail.com)

Call: Courtney Silliman

(c) 515.468.0701 (w) 515.462.5026

Completed applications can be emailed to [mcli.connect@gmail.com](mailto:mcli.connect@gmail.com) or mailed to:

Madison County Courthouse

Attn: Courtney Silliman

PO BOX 152

Winterset, IA 50273

- Acceptance is based solely on the application form.
- Accepted candidates will be notified by letter.

## Requirements:

Participation is open to people living or working in Madison County. The review committee looks for participants who demonstrate:

- Commitment and motivation to serve Madison County and its communities.
- Responsible position of leadership in employment and/or volunteer organizations, resulting in the potential to have influence on important issues.
- Ability to make the time commitment required by the program.

Participants must attend all sessions. Prior permission must be obtained from the program chair to have an excused absence from any session. Excused absences will be granted only in cases of extreme emergency and unavoidable business conflicts.

## Cost:

Tuition for the Madison County Leadership Program is \$450, payable to Madison County Leadership Institute prior to the first session. For more information email [mcli.connect@gmail.com](mailto:mcli.connect@gmail.com) or call Courtney Silliman.



**“Leaders Never Climb Alone”**

Madison County Leadership Institute  
Winterset, Iowa 50273

# Madison County Leadership Institute prepares you for leadership roles within the community and the workplace:

## The Madison County Leadership Institute

The Madison County Leadership Institute was formed in 2006 and is affiliated with the Madison County Chamber of Commerce. The Institute's primary objective is to train and inform emerging leaders for Madison County.

### Leadership Development

The Madison County Leadership Institute facilitates interactive classroom programs and networking opportunities designed specifically to assist emerging leaders. The Leadership Program familiarizes potential and existing leaders who live or work in Madison County with the choices and challenges facing the county. Class sessions prepare leaders to deal with the day-to-day issues and obstacles that area boards and committees encounter.



Each session features expert trainers and facilitators, who will help MCLI participants to:

- **Share** ideas and concerns related to their communities.
- **Develop** tools and strategies for building their own communities, as well as the larger community of Madison County.
- **Appreciate** the diversity of the communities that comprise Madison County to the benefit of the entire area.
- **Identify** areas of personal interest and develop the knowledge and confidence to take an active leadership role in the community.

## Leadership Skill Building

Enhancing leadership skills is a key factor in a person's ability to lead an organization or a community. Specific leadership training sessions have been added for situations that confront leaders everyday. Learn more on business topics, including:

- Strategic Planning
- Conflict Resolution
- Intercultural Leadership
- Parliamentary Procedures
- Business Budgeting
- Business Etiquette

## Economic Development

Economic development happens more aggressively in some communities, yet in others, economic development remains stagnant. What separates boom towns from those that go bust? Learn how Madison County communities have responded to the challenges of life around Des Moines. Explore the additional questions that arise in areas where rural values come head-to-head with consumer lifestyles.

## Education

Look at the forces affecting education today, from state-mandated programs, teachers salaries, open enrollment, and the effect that all of these have on the public school districts in Madison County. Educators discuss the issues they face in today's teaching environment.

## Government

Learn how Madison County government works. You'll find out how the county offices from weed commissioner to county supervisor interact to make an effective county government. County and State officials talk about the impact their decisions can have on county budgets and life in Madison County.

## Madison County Tour

Experience and enjoy a fun-filled charter bus tour with your classmates as you explore Madison County. This tour is more than a sight seeing trip. Along the way participants learn little-known facts that make each of Madison County's communities diverse. You will meet people who embody the community spirit that makes Madison County a desirable place to work and call home.

## Class Project

Class participants have a chance to positively impact our county. Participants will design and implement a class project providing benefit to the community.

## Class Schedule

Class sessions are once a month on Thursday afternoon beginning in October 2017 and ending in May 2018.

Additionally, one time per month throughout the year the class will gather for planning and implementation of their community project.

Graduation will follow in early June.

