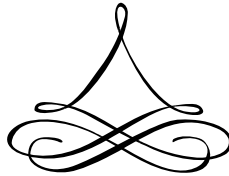


Leadership
For
Miles City

Application



2009-2010

A program of the
Miles City Area Economic Development Council

Leadership for Miles City

Leadership for Miles City is a program sponsored by the Miles City Area Economic Development Council designed to assist our community in developing our leadership resources. It is modeled after similar leadership programs operating successfully in communities in Montana and across the US. The program asks for an individual's commitment of one day a month for 8-9 months.

Our Leadership program brings together a broad spectrum of individuals with diverse backgrounds who have a desire to become involved in various leadership activities in their community. The program is designed to offer some leadership skills training with the primary objective to bring an awareness of the impact of social and economic changes in the Miles City area. The program is self-sustaining through tuition and with the great support of the community and area businesses and organizations.

Goals

- Identify and motivate emerging leaders
- Acquaint class members with community needs and resources
- Instill a sense of "community" to motivate participants into leadership roles
- Provide skills development training to enhance leadership capabilities

Benefits

- ❖ **To the community:** A resource of trained and energized leaders ready to serve
- ❖ **To business:** An increased insight into the community and access to community leaders and resources.
- ❖ **To participants:** An increased knowledge, understanding and sensitivity to community issues.

Our Future Leaders

The end of each program is really the beginning of a new involvement for participants. Community leadership of the highest caliber is an established tradition in the Miles City area. The complex problems of our times demand that our leaders be well prepared and highly informed. Leadership for Miles City was established to recognize our obligation to the great leaders of the past and future.

Who Qualifies

Leadership for Miles City is a competitive process open to men and women who want to learn more about the community and attain leadership goals. All are invited to apply.

2009-2010 PROGRAM CALENDAR

Those selected for the program attend daylong seminars from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The program runs from September through April. Each issue day is held at various locations in and around Miles City and may include a combination of lectures, panel discussions, workshops and field trips. The program concludes with a graduation reception usually in the middle of May.

A full schedule of times, places, skills development workshops and other details will be sent to all successful candidates. We try to schedule the 3rd Thursday of each month. **Tentative dates are:**

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| Day 1 | September 17, 2009 | Leadership & Skills Development |
| Day 2 | October 15, 2009 | Agriculture |
| Day 3 | November 19, 2009 | Healthcare |
| Day 4 | December 17, 2009 | Government |
| Day 5 | January 21, 2010 | Education |
| Day 6 | February 18, 2010 | Transportation |
| Day 7 | March 18, 2010 | Energy |
| Day 8 | April 15, 2010 | Tourism & Social Services |
| Day 9 | April 20, 2010 | Tour Day |

APPLICATIONS

If you wish to make application and can meet all the commitments of the program, please fill out the enclosed application form and send it to the address below by **August 15, 2009**.

Miles City Area Economic Development
Leadership for Miles City
1010 Main Street
Miles City, MT 59301
(406) 234-2705
milesecon@midrivers.com

TUITION

- \$140 Per Student
- Scholarships may be available

COMMENTS FROM CLASS PARTICIPANTS:

Brandi Gray, Investment Associate, First Interstate Bank – Class 2006

"Being born and raised in Miles City, I felt I had a good understanding of the community I lived in. But when the opportunity to take the leadership class came about, I jumped at the chance to see what I might be missing. I now feel I have a new perspective on our community and a better understanding of how I can make a difference and get involved. I am also a more educated promoter of Miles City and the surrounding area."

Carol Hudson, Miles Community College – Class 2007

"As a Miles City resident for over 15 years, Miles City Leadership training was just what I needed to complete the full circle of knowledge and understanding of all that the community and eastern Montana is. It was a great experience and I heartily recommend the training to all who wish to enroll."

Leadership for Miles City Application*

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Company/Organization: _____

Home Address: _____ email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please describe present or past volunteer community leadership positions you have held:

Organization **Dates** **Position Held/Responsibilities**

Employment

Current Position: _____ Date: _____

Employer: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Responsibilities: _____

Education

(High School, Vocational School, College, etc.)

School **City/State** **From/To** **Date**

Other Activities and Accomplishments

Please list any other accomplishments, honors, offices held, activities, etc.

* Please attach a separate sheet of paper if additional space is needed for your answers.

REQUIREMENTS

We ask that businesses, public and private agencies, civic and other organizations in the community help us identify and support individuals who show leadership potential for this program. Candidates must be concerned with the future of the Miles City area and be committed to personal involvement in shaping its future. Participants and their organizations must also be willing to commit the necessary time needed for the program. Participants are required to attend all program days, if necessary an excused absence may be obtained. All absences are noted with the sponsoring employer.

Participants are welcome from all aspects of agricultural, business, manufacturing, governments, retail and social service industries. Applicants are chosen based on criteria established by the Miles City Leadership Selection Committee. Class size will be limited to a maximum of 18 due to space requirements for meetings.

Commitment

Full attendance by each participant is essential if Leadership for Miles City is to meet its objectives. Please check the **PROGRAM CALENDAR** for dates. If selected, I make a commitment to attend the following:

- All eight issue days on the program calendar
 - A city council meeting OR
 - A school board meeting OR
 - Custer County Commissioner meeting
- AND a Miles City Area:
- Chamber of Commerce Board meeting OR
 - Economic Development Board meeting
- AND
- Participate in a class project for Miles City

I agree that upon graduation, my name will be released to the public announcing my availability to join service organizations and serve on boards. The choice of how to serve or which organization to join will be mine.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Employer/Sponsor Commitment (if applicable)

This application has the approval of this organization and the applicant has our full support, which includes the time required to participate in the program and the impetus to complete it.

Firm/Organization

Signature

Date

MILES CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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Email: milesecon@midrivers.com

Phone: 406-234-2705

Fax: 406-874-3454
Website: 4miles-city-business.com

LEADERSHIP MILES CITY

“DEVELOPING A VISION FOR THE FUTURE”

Dear:

The 2009 / 2010 Miles City Leadership Class is coming soon! I have attached the application for this coming year and hope to have all application to our office by August 10th. I sincerely hope you will consider being part of our Leadership Miles City program as it is a great program! You can also access our new website at 4miles-city-business.com and go to the leadership page at click on the application.

Your name has been given to MCAEDC as someone who would be a great addition to this program working towards building quality leaders in our community. We have a good list of potential applicants but we can only accept 18 applicants because of limited meeting space. So please send your application in as soon as possible.

Remember the class is one day a month over 8 months with an additional day in the last month set up as a tour day. The cost is \$140 to attend.

I look forward to your being part of the Leadership Miles City Program.

Sincerely,

Mike Coryell

Mike Coryell, Executive Director
Miles City Economic Development
1010 Main Street
Miles City, MT 59301

Leif Ronning, Department of Corrections, City Councilman – Class 2007

“I urge anyone who signs up for the leadership class to adjust their schedule so that they can attend every day offered. Looking back on my experience there was not one day that I think I could have done without. Whatever level you work at as a professional person you will benefit greatly from the knowledge obtained from the leadership classes, as will your employer.”

Loretta Rebsom, First Interstate Bank – Class 2009

“My wish is that more people could be involved in the Leadership Program because it is an opportunity of a life-time! This program is a Treasure filled with Community Knowledge that only a hand full or more have the privilege to participate in. In addition to the community knowledge gained was the opportunity to build relationships with your class members who are enthusiastic, exciting, fun and want to learn more too! Thank you MCAED and all employers who support this fantastic program.”

