



BILLINGS CHAMBER
LEADERSHIP
Billings

Goals

Each year dozens of local business executives join the Billings Chamber of Commerce Leadership Billings program. This program works to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and expertise among leaders of area businesses and organizations. Through this valuable course, participants gain a clearer perspective on the business climate and the community in general. With keynote speakers, panel discussions, experimental exercises, problem solving and site visits, participants have an opportunity to:

- Gain insight into the local economy
- Explore the city's history
- Interact with business, government & educational leaders
- Build & develop leadership skills
- Learn more about pressing community issues

Not only do participants learn more about the "insides" of the local business community and climate, but they also build relationships that, in the end, can create a stronger business voice for our region. Group members explore opportunities to work together as a community, which is extremely important as the city moves forward.

Other Details:

Anyone interested in community affairs and who is engaged in a career or other endeavor, is invited to apply. Applications for Leadership Billings 2017 will be accepted on a first come, first served basis until the classes are full. Class size is limited to 80 participants (2 classes of 40 people). Class minimum is 25 people, and if it is not met for both classes, they will be merged as one (Class A). The program will kick off in October of 2016. If you would like more information about the Adult or Youth Leadership Billings programs, contact the Billings Chamber: 245-4111 or jennifer@billingschamber.com

The Program:

Adult Leadership Billings 2017 will consist of a kick-off retreat, six program days, a community service work day and a graduation luncheon. Attendance at the kick-off retreat is mandatory. Participants are highly encouraged to attend all other classes as well. Tuition is \$900.00/person for Chamber members, \$1,200 for non-members. A non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 is required with your application. (If your application arrives after the class maximum is reached, it will be returned to you.) Participants must attend a minimum of four program days to graduate.

Dates*:

Program days 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM unless noted

Kick-Off Retreat

October 5, 2016 Class A
October 12, 2016 Class B

Community & Social Services Day

November 2, 2016 Class A
November 9, 2016 Class B

Government Day

December 7, 2016 Class A
December 14, 2016 Class B

Education Day

January 4, 2017 Class A
January 11, 2017 Class B

Business/Economics Day

February 1, 2017 Class A
February 8, 2017 Class B

Tourism/History Day

March 1, 2017 Class A
March 8, 2017 Class B

Health Care Day

April 5, 2017 Class A
April 12, 2017 Class B

All-Class Community Service Day

May 3, 2017

All-Class Graduation Luncheon

May 10, 2017; 5:00 - 7:00 PM

**all dates/times subject to change.*

Leadership Billings 2017 Registration (page 2)

Tuition: The Leadership Billings program is \$900 per participant (\$1,200 for non-Chamber members). This fee covers the cost of the retreat, programming, materials and meals. How will your tuition will be paid?:

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A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due with your registration. The remaining balance is due two weeks prior to the kick-off retreat. There is no refund for cancellations after September 21st for Class A and September 28th for Class B.

Photo: You must submit a photo of yourself no later than September 21, 2016. Your photo will be used in a Leadership Billings class directory. If your photo is not received by September 21, 2016, you will not be pictured in the class directory. (Submitted photos do not need to be taken professionally. A passport photo, instant photo, digital photo or personal snapshot is acceptable.) Please email your photo to jennifer@billingschamber.com.

Attendance requirements: Leadership Billings consists of nine meetings: a kick-off retreat, six program days, one community workday, and a graduation luncheon. Since it is vital to the success of the program that you are present at each meeting to add your perspective and interact with your classmates, you may not miss more than two (2) full program days (or the equivalent) throughout the year. If you miss more than two (2) full program days, you will not be awarded a certificate of graduation at the commencement ceremony. Your supervisor will be notified of any absences. Attendance at the kick-off retreat is mandatory, and you are strongly encouraged to attend all meetings. If necessary, you may request an excused absence from a program day. If you miss four or more hours of a program day, your absence will be considered a full-day absence. If you miss less than four hours of a program day, your absence will be considered a half-day absence. Please review the LB program calendar dates and consult with your supervisor about attendance commitments. If selected, you will be expected to attend each full day's meeting from the beginning retreat through the graduation luncheon.

Acceptance of Leadership Billings 2017 Program Commitments: Your signature below verifies that, you understand and agree to abide by the programs' tuition, photo, and attendance requirements and policies.

I understand the goals of the LB Program and will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the program. If I withdraw or am required to withdraw from the program on or after the program start date my tuition will not be refunded. If my photo is not received by September 21, 2016, it will not appear in the class directory. I understand and will abide by the attendance requirements described above.

Applicant's Printed Name	Applicant's Signature	Date
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A supervisor who has the authority to allow the applicant named above to devote the time necessary to be an active participant in the Leadership Billings 2017 program must sign this application.

Supervisor's Printed Name	Supervisor's Signature	Date
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Supervisor's Business Email Address: _____

