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# LEADERSHIP MCPHERSON

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## LEADERSHIP MCPHERSON

Leadership McPherson participants learn to recognize their talents, skills, and strengths, and discover new traits to appreciate in others. The in-depth, educational program focuses on developing leadership competencies and giving participants the skills to move organizations and businesses forward.

In 2000, the curriculum incorporated a service project to benefit the youth of McPherson County. Through the years, projects have touched many lives and continue to make a difference in our community.

## LEADERSHIP MCPHERSON MISSION

To develop leadership capacity that inspires visionary, positive action, to motivate and strengthen our community.

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**Leadership is an activity,  
not a position.**

**Anyone can lead,  
anytime,  
anywhere!**

# 2025 SCHEDULE

**January 15 Enrollment Deadline** (class limit is 12)  
Per future instruction, must complete WEL assessment, and YLE enrollment by Feb. 5.

- **Wednesday, Feb. 19**- 8:30-5:00 Team Building followed by Class.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 26** 8:30-3:30 "When Everyone Leads"
- **Wednesday., March 5** -Class (8:30-12:00)
- **March 12 & 13** "Your Leadership Edge" (all day) at the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita-We will leave McPherson at 7:30 a.m. on both days and return around 6:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 26**-Class (8:30-12:00)
- **Wednesday, April 2**- Class (8:30-1:30)  
Includes a working lunch 12-1:30 to plan class project.
- **Wednesday, April 9**- Class (8:30-12:00)
- **Wednesday, April 16**- Class (8:30-1:30)  
Includes a working lunch 12-1:30 to plan class project.
- **Wednesday, April 23** - Class Celebration Luncheon and presentation of class project. (noon-1:00)

Class Project to benefit youth of McPherson will require meeting outside of class time to plan and implement the project.

## COMMITMENT

**Must commit to attend the team building activity, all class sessions, the two-day KLC training in Wichita, class celebration, and participate in determining, creating, and executing the class project.**



## YOUR LEADERSHIP EDGE

\*YLE teaches participants to embrace leadership as an activity and step onto a path that develops problem solving skills. Participants will learn to use the KLC framework to intervene more effectively on the challenges they care most about, and ultimately, develop new ways to mobilize others to embrace challenges and seize opportunities.

## LEADERSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Abigayle Morgan—McPherson College  
Amy Beckman—McPherson College  
Andrew Rush—McPherson Fire Department  
Clinton Terry—McPherson Center for Health  
John Worden—KU Medical Center  
Julie Wondra—Adams Brown  
Karolyn Moore—McPherson Housing Coalition  
Katy Aichele—Peoples Bank and Trust  
Logan Schrag—Peoples Financial  
Tamie Prieb—Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd  
Debbie Hawkinson—McPherson Chamber

# GOALS

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce provides the community based Leadership McPherson program because we recognize that leadership is vital to moving a community forward.

- Redefine leadership concepts and embrace the idea that leadership is an activity, not a position.
- Recognize that everyone can lead, and it starts with you.
- Learn about seizing opportunities to practice leadership.
- Discover the concerns and opportunities facing the McPherson area.
- Inspire class members and alumni to increase their civic involvement in the local area.
- Use the skills and processes learned to benefit the culture at home, work, and volunteer organizations you serve.
- Develop an awareness and importance of future generations and how practicing leadership can make a positive impact in our community.
- Equip everyone to lead so challenges are addressed and progress is made.



## CURRICULUM

To understand the value of collaboration and ability to be a facilitator, Leadership McPherson participants will learn and experience hands on:

- **Learning, Thinking, Working Styles**
- **Stages of Team Development**
- **Vision Process**
- **Timeline**
- **Adaptive vs. Technical**
- **Leadership vs. Authority**
- **Volunteer, Civic, Social**
- **Workforce, Housing, Employment**
- **Education, Local Gov. and Others**

*Leadership McPherson is a great opportunity to connect with a diverse and energetic group of McPherson leaders who want to work collaboratively to improve our home community. I found the education sessions to be thought provoking.*

- Monica Frye, 2017 Leadership McPherson

# LEADERSHIP MCPHERSON

## 2025 ENROLLMENT FORM

Please complete and return to: McPherson Chamber of Commerce, 306 N. Main, P.O. Box 616, McPherson, KS 67460. Questions: 620-241-3303 or chamberdirector@mcphersonks.org

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Email \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Work Email \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special food allergies or dietary restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

How are you currently involved in the community or would like to be? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are 3 concerns/gaps in serving youth (infant to college age) in McPherson community? (If you don't know, ask co-workers, neighbors, or friends) \_\_\_\_\_

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### **PARTICIPANT COMMITMENT- PLEASE READ CAREFULLY, INITIAL AND SIGN**

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand I must participate in the 2 day Your Leadership Edge training through KLC, and be a contributing participant in all class activities and sessions.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that only (1) excused absence from class sessions will be permitted.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that this will require time outside of class and I am committed to participating in determining, creating, and executing a Leadership Class project to benefit the youth of McPherson.

All participants will be notified of the class composition. The class roster will be used in a press release. Your signature provides understanding of all commitments required herein and provides authorization for release of your name with the class member roster and press releases pertaining to the class project.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**TUITION-** Please submit tuition of \$300 if you or your place of employment is a member of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce, and \$350 for non-members.

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