

# KEITH COUNTY AREA LEADERSHIP

## **Mission:**

Keith County Area Leadership is a personal development program designed and supported by our communities and organizations to motivate participants to develop and enhance the quality of leadership and skill to service our county, community and **their** organizations.

## **Goals:**

**To enable** individual participants to develop their personal leadership skills.

**To prepare** men and women who live or work in Keith County to assume positions of leadership in their community.

**To involve** participants who represent a broad range of age, ethnic, social and organization groups.

**To assist** participants to develop a perspective and vision for Keith County communities.

**To encourage** participants to invest in the ongoing operation of leadership in Keith County.

## **Selection Criteria:**

- ◆ Individuals who want to commit both time and energy toward involvement in the community.
- ◆ Individuals who are concerned with community issues.
- ◆ Individuals who have a desire for personal growth opportunities.
- ◆ Individuals who demonstrate concern for the future of Keith County and its communities.

Final participant selection is made by the Keith County Area Leadership Development Board of Directors on the basis of a written application.

## **Tuition:**

Tuition for the 2010-2011 program is \$125 per participant and payable upon selection. Tuition can be paid by the participants employer or sponsoring organization. There will be a \$200 fee for the Government Days in Lincoln.

**Real Leaders are Ordinary People  
with Extraordinary  
Determination.**

## **Participants:**

Keith County Area Leadership

Development will make a conscious effort to select participants from the Keith County area who represent a cross section of the area in terms of sex, race, age (2010-2011 High School Junior/Seniors may apply), occupation and community groups. The diversity among participants generates meaningful interaction and learning in the leadership program. Keith County Area Leadership Development actively seeks applicants from all segments of the area. The class size is limited.

## **Application Deadline:**

First consideration will be given to applications received by May 15, 2010, for students and July 1, 2010, for adults. Please send all applications to:

*Ogallala/Keith County  
Chamber of Commerce  
Attn: Stephanie Most  
PO Box 628, Ogallala, NE 69153*

## **Notification:**

Once members of the Keith County Area Leadership Development program are selected and confirmed, all applicants are notified by mail as to whether or not their application was successful.

**2010-2011  
Keith County Area  
Leadership Development  
Schedule**

*September 9*

**Introduction to the Program**

*October 14*

**Agriculture & Environment Day**

*November 4*

**Becoming a Community Leader**

*December 9*

**Legal & Law Day**

*January 13*

**Health & Human Services Day**

*February 15 & 16*

**Government Day**

*March 10*

**Energy Day**

*April 14*

**Education Day**

*May 12*

**Business & Industry Day**

*June 9*

**Quality of Life Day**

**Graduation**

*\*All sessions:*

*8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., MST*

**Keith County Area Leadership  
Development Board & Planning Committee**

**\*Rich Vanbeber - President**

*Ogallala Community Hospital*

**\*Mary Eisenzimmer - Vice-President**

*21st Century Equipment*

**\*Stephanie Most - Secretary**

*Grow Keith County*

**\*Gail Schreiter - Treasurer**

*Adams Bank and Trust*

**\*Amy Schilz**

*Ogallala Community Hospital*

**\*Carolyn Straub**

*Food Consultant*

**\*Deb Schilz**

*Western Insurors*

**\*Kay Kimberly**

*Kimberly Farms, Inc.*

**\*Pam Spurgin**

*Pinnacle Bank*

**\*Brian Vasa**

*NPPD*

**Sue Gieschen**

*Keith Co. Treasurer*

**Connie Knapp**

*NPPD*

*\*denotes Board of Directors*

**2010 - 2011  
16th Session**



**Keith County  
Area  
Leadership  
Development**

**Leaders,  
in a special way,  
are liable for what  
happens in the future,  
rather than what is  
happening day-to-day.**

**Application Request:**  
Applications are available at:  
[www.visitogallala.com](http://www.visitogallala.com)  
[www.keithcountyjobs.org](http://www.keithcountyjobs.org)

**Leadership is an attitude  
before it is an ability.**



KEITH COUNTY AREA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION

Please type or print very clearly. Do not use additional pages for this application.

Miss  
Mrs.  
Ms.  
Name Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business/School \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Business/School Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business/School Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Length of residence in Keith County area \_\_\_\_\_

Keith County Area Leadership Development hopes to represent a cross-section of citizens from a variety of backgrounds. Keith County Area Leadership Development graduates will bring a diverse perspective to address Keith County area needs. The following information helps us to identify applicants from all segments of the area. The following information is optional:

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

One of the goals of Keith County Area Leadership Development is to develop and train potential leaders providing the community with greater continuity in, and improved quality of, future decision makers.

A. Please explain what you hope to gain if selected to participate in Keith County Area Leadership Development.

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B. What do you feel to be the most significant problems facing the Keith County area (limit to3)?

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C. What are the most notable opportunities that you believe the Keith County area has to offer (limit to 3)?

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D. Select one of the problems or opportunities in B or C and describe what you feel needs to be done on this issue.

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**II. ACTIVITY DATA**

Please list, in order of importance to you, up to five community, civic, professional, business, religious, social, athletic, or other organizations of which you are or have been a member.

Organization	Dates of Membership	Official Position
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How much time each month do you commit to community civic, professional and other organizations and activities?

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On what kind of community boards, committees, or groups would you like to become active in the future? Identify or explain what you would like to accomplish in these groups.

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If you have previously not had the time or interest to become actively involved, what conditions have changed that now enable you to seek involvement in the community?

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**III. EMPLOYMENT**

(Account for all periods including military active duty)

Present employer \_\_\_\_\_ Date began \_\_\_\_\_

Present title or responsibility \_\_\_\_\_ Since \_\_\_\_\_

Previous employment:

Employer	Responsibility	From-To
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

What do you consider your highest responsibility, skill or career achievement to date?

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**IV COMMITMENT**

To graduate from the KEITH COUNTY AREA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT program you MUST attend all sessions. If more than one session is missed (excluding Government Days), no certificate of completion will be awarded. Additional points can be earned by attending various activities/meetings in the community or to make up lost points for an additionally missed class. A copy of the point system will be given at the first class.

Tuition fee for the KEITH COUNTY AREA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT program is \$125 plus \$200 for optional Government Days in Lincoln, NE, of which \$25 is expected to be paid personally by the participant. Tuition is due at the first class unless other arrangements have been made.

TUITION IS NON-REFUNDABLE

The remaining \$100/\$300 will be paid by: \$200 Government Days in Lincoln, NE

Myself, \$\_\_\_\_\_ My Employer, \$\_\_\_\_\_ Planning to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Other, (please specify) \$\_\_\_\_\_ Participation highly recommended

Applicants for the KEITH COUNTY AREA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT program must have the support and commitment of their business/school. Even if sponsored by an organization other than their businesses, they must still have the support of their employers. Please indicate the name(s) of your employer and/or sponsor(s) as contact will be made to the person(s) for endorsement as an indication of support for your participation in KEITH COUNTY AREA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor (if other than employer): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I understand the purposes of the KEITH COUNTY AREA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT program, and if I become a participant, will devote the time and energy necessary to make it a successful experience. I also understand that my submission of this application does not guarantee acceptance in the program.

**Signature of Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Employer/school official** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

In the interest of adhering to our goal of keeping the program as widely based as possible, we would encourage only one immediate family member to apply in any one year.

Optional information:

How did you become aware of the KEITH COUNTY AREA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM?

\_\_\_\_ Friend \_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_ Media

\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

DEADLINE: Applications received at the Ogallala/Keith County Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 628, Ogallala, NE, 69153, by May 15, 2010, for students and July 1, 2010 will be given first priority. All applicants will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance.