The Participants
A representative group of 35-40 candidates are selected from all segments of government, education, labor, business, professional and geographic areas within the Aurora community. Because leaders spring from all sectors of the community, Leadership Aurora seeks to bring together a broad cross section of participants who represent diverse backgrounds and lifestyles.
Candidates for the program must demonstrate a commitment to the future of Aurora, accomplishment within their own organization, involvement in community activities, a capacity for leadership, and a willingness to commit the time and energy required to participate in the Leadership Aurora program.

The Application
Each year businesses, public and private agencies, civic organizations and clubs are asked to identify candidates for the program. Individuals with no sponsoring group may be self-nominated. A written application and personal interview with the Selection Committee are required. Candidacy is open to all regardless of age, creed, race or philosophy who seek to contribute their skills, knowledge and expertise to the betterment of the Aurora community.
Participants are selected based on the criteria established by the selection committee of Leadership Aurora.
The deadline to submit an application for Leadership Aurora is July 15 each year. Notification of selection to the class will be made by August 10.

Tuition
Tuition for Leadership Aurora is $950. Tuition covers all program costs, meals and materials. Tuition may be paid by the candidate’s employer, a sponsor or the candidate. Partial scholarships are available and are awarded based on need and class composition.
Full tuition is due before September 1st. No tuition refunds will be made after the class member has participated in the opening retreat. Do not send tuition with your application.
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The Mission
Since 1984, The Chamber has promoted and fostered the development of community leadership. *Leadership Aurora* is a program designed to meet our city’s need for the active participation of informed, skilled and involved community leaders.

*Leadership Aurora* provides the opportunity for participants to broaden their knowledge of the community while enhancing their leadership skills.

The mission of *Leadership Aurora* is reflected in its goals.

- To develop awareness of the Aurora area, its strengths, challenges and opportunities
- To enhance leadership abilities
- To create a network of informed, concerned leaders
- To encourage greater involvement in the community

The Program
*Leadership Aurora* is a ten-month community leadership development program that begins with a mandatory two-night retreat in late September each year and culminates with a graduation program in early June. Eight full-day sessions are held the third Thursday of each month from October through May.

Topics include:
- Community/Quality of Life
- Education
- Police/Criminal & Civil Justice
- Economy & Infrastructure
- Healthcare
- Fire Protection Services
- Media Training
- Military/Government
- Leadership Training

Each month’s topic is presented through the use of prominent individuals from the public and private sectors, in-depth dialogue of current issues pertinent to the session topic, case studies, site visits, interactive and “hands-on” experience.

Participants also work in teams or as a group on projects of their own design to provide tangible solutions to various contemporary community challenges. The community actually becomes the classroom.

Through contact with a wide range of professionals, and the behind the scenes knowledge gained, *Leadership Aurora* participants have the opportunity to expand their influence in the community. The success of the program is measured by the positive effect on the participants, their organizations and the community.

*Leadership Aurora* is one of more than 1,000 community leadership programs in the United States, and is a member of the Community Leadership Association. *Leadership Aurora* is a program of The Chamber and is underwritten by The Chamber, in-kind donations, and tuition. Curriculum and other program specifics are overseen by the *Leadership Aurora* Board whose members are graduates of the *Leadership Aurora* program.

The Graduates
The *Leadership Aurora* experience does not end at graduation. Graduates will become a part of a new community resource, a group of individuals with the desire and ability to influence important community activities and create necessary change. Graduates serve as members of future program and selection committees for *Leadership Aurora* and continue to interact through continuing education sessions and social functions.

Our Mission:
*Leadership Aurora* educates and prepares community leaders who are committed to shaping Aurora’s future.

Media training includes field trips to local stations.

An ambulance ride gives real-life experience.

Police and fire sessions provide an insider’s perspective of city services.