
REGISTRATION FORM



I would like to participate in the 2026 Grow Clinton Leadership Institute.

One individual from each class will be selected to receive a 50% tuition (\$250) scholarship. Apply online at GrowClinton.com/Leadership

- Submit your application by **December 30, 2025**
- Limited to 25 participants
- Tuition: \$500. Non-refundable once the program begins.

For more information and to apply to be a student in the 2025 class, please contact:

Grow Clinton
721 S 2nd St.
Clinton, IA 52732
563.242.5702 or Karen.Friis@growclinton.com

Request an invoice, and make checks payable to:
Grow Clinton

5 Good Reasons To attend Leadership Institute

- Improve your leadership skills
- Increase effectiveness in your job
- Improve community awareness
- Pick up new tools and techniques for successfully leading groups
- Network with other community leaders

"Grow Clinton Leadership Institute really opened my eyes to the happenings in Clinton and the Surrounding area. I was able to interact with other up and coming leaders in a variety of career fields and collaborate on a multitude of mini projects and a neat group project. I have already tapped into a wonderful network, cultivated during class, to gain information beneficial to hiring practices for the City of Clinton".

*- Jeff Chapman, City of Clinton
Leadership Class of 2018*

Grow Clinton Leadership Institute introduced me to a lot of things going on in the area that I was not previously aware of. It also opened my eyes to the fact that there are a lot of hardworking and energetic people committed to strengthening the Clinton community."

*- Rob Manatt, Wendling Quarries
Leadership Class 2018*



2026 Grow Clinton Leadership Institute

*Developing our Region's
Dynamic Leaders*



2026 Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Institute

Sessions are held every other Tuesday beginning January 27th from 8:00AM-11:00AM at the **Clinton Community School District Administration building, 1401 12th Avenue North**. Students will be notified in advance of any venue changes.

Graduation will be held during the 4th Grow Clinton Annual Meeting in June.

Kick-Off

January 13 –Why Develop Yourself as a Leader?

This session will act as a course overview. Participants meet fellow classmates and community leaders. Members of the Leadership Institute Planning Committee will be in attendance for questions.

11:30am-1:00pm at Clinton Community College Career

Advancement Center.

Lunch will be provided.

Session 1

January 27 –Strengths Based Leadership

This is an introduction to the Gallup-Strengths Finder assessment. An overview of your own top 5 Strengths will be discussed in relation to individual and team dynamics.

Session 2

February 10 - Innovations & Creativity of Leaders in Groups/Team Building & Workplace Culture

Creativity + Work = Innovation

Today's world requires new ideas and solutions to the complexities we face. However, creativity and ideas alone do not affect change. This session will explore the innovation process from ideation through execution helping us understand the roles we all have in making our workplaces and communities stronger.

Session 3

February 24 – Philanthropic Leadership

Hear from a diverse group of community organizations and learn what they are doing to positively impact our community.

Session 4

March 10 -Generational Differences in Leadership

Learn how each generation communicates, what they value and about their deep-rooted perception of each other in the workplace.

Session 5

March 24 – Giftedness & Self-Leadership

Gain some insight on self-leadership, perseverance and overcoming adversity from this speaker's personal story. Engage in an activity to better understand your own self-leadership style.

Session 6

April 7 – Clinton Leaders of Yesteryear

A local historian will be joining us to share detailed insight on the history of the Clinton Region and its leaders. We will then board a bus and embark on a guided local tour.

This class will meet at Grow Clinton, 721 So. 2nd Street.

Session 7

April 21 – Leading our Communities in Economic/Community Development

Learn how our communities function as we dive into topics such as taxes: why we pay them and where the money goes. Hear from City Council members about what it takes to represent your city.



Session 8

May 5 – Leaders in Clinton County Government

Meet local leaders in law enforcement and county government and take a tour of the Clinton County Jail.

This class will meet at the Clinton County Sheriff's office 241 7th Avenue North.

Session 9

May 19 – Clinton Leaders of Today/Economic Development

Leaders from the LBPA and DCA will share insight around small business development, local entrepreneurial opportunities, and beautification efforts.

We will take an economic bus tour to learn how Grow Clinton supports regional companies to grow our local economy. **This class will meet at the Grow Clinton office 721 South 2nd Street.**



From the Leadership Institute volunteer planning committee: *This course was designed to foster the growth of leaders in the Clinton, Iowa region. While selecting a student to represent your organization, think of those who have expressed a desire to take on new challenges. Our goal of the Leadership Institute Class of 2026 is to stretch each student's abilities. Each session will provide them with tools focused on developing themselves, as well as others. Students will learn to act as talent magnets within the organization, cultivating the best in people! Great leaders, managers and owners alike understand the importance of investing in individuals. Now is the time to grow your company, non-profit or organization from within.*

Sincerely,
Leadership Institute Volunteer Committee