



Frequently Asked Questions

1. *How do I apply for the Community Leadership Institute?*

Applications are available through Maria McCaffrey, Events and Programs Manager of the North Central MA Chamber of Commerce. Applications are also available online at www.NorthCentralMass.com/CLI. A completed application will include a nomination form signed by your executive sponsor, your resume and completed application questions.

2. *Who is eligible to join Community Leadership Institute?*

Emerging leaders in the North Central MA Community are eligible for this program. We encourage you to discuss your individual goals for this program, and how they align with your business or organization and the community at large, with your executive sponsor.

We encourage businesses to submit applications for more than one employee but do encourage employers to limit their applications to a maximum of three per year.

3. *What is an Executive Sponsor?*

Your executive sponsor is the CEO, President or owner of your company. This person should make the final decision regarding who from your company attends the Community Leadership Institute.

4. *What are the Executive Sponsor's responsibilities?*

We hope your executive sponsor will be active in your participation in the Community Leadership Institute if his/her schedule allows. We invite your executive sponsor to join us for lunch at the first program event held at the International on October 26, 2017, to review the progress with you, and to attend graduation on June 14, 2018.

5. *What is my time commitment to the Community Leadership Institute?*

The Community Leadership Institute will meet monthly in October, November, January, February, March, April, May and June. CLI's first meeting will be October 26th at the International in Bolton. This first meeting is mandatory. Each following monthly seminar will be from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and participants are expected to plan accordingly. NCMCC reserves the right to remove participants from the program who are chronically late, leave early or miss seminars.

6. *What happens if I can't attend a meeting?*

Please contact Maria McCaffrey, Events and Programs Manager for the NCMCC, in the event you cannot make a meeting or will be late. She can be reached at (978) 353-7600 ext. 235 or mmccaffrey@northcentralmass.com

The Community Leadership Institute does reserve the right to dismiss participants who are chronically late, leaving early or missing classes to the detriment of other participants and the integrity of the program. All participants are requested to block out time for each monthly meeting.

7. *What topics will be covered during CLI?*

Monthly topics typically include topics such as personal leadership, history of North Central, crisis management, healthcare, non-profit governance, law & justice, legislation, arts, culture, immigration, economic development and environment. Featured speakers will include Senators, Representatives, judges, high-level businessmen and women, chairpersons of non-profit boards, educators, CEOs and more. The Community Leadership Institute goal is to foster community involvement within our region while developing personal leadership skills.

The programs also feature a personal leadership development seminar as part of each of the meetings lead by Dr. Mike Greenwood of Fitchburg State University. Topic areas will align with the broader seminar agenda and encourage the growth of corporate citizenship and community engagement.

8. *I have more questions. Who can I contact?*

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