

TESTIMONIALS

FROM OUR GRADUATES

Megan Claude

I am newer to the Iowa Falls area and networking is not my thing, but I wanted to try something new. The LIFE Class was the perfect way to get out into the Iowa Falls community to meet people and learn all about the area! I truly learned so much as I attended and enjoyed each class. From history day, industry day, education day, to local government day and civic organization day, every class was my favorite! Since taking the class, I have had the opportunity several times to run across other class members. I have made many new friends and have been able to share and receive more information about our wonderful community. I applaud the instructors and guest speakers; they did a fantastic job of teaching us so many unknown facts about Iowa Falls. This experience has given me a deeper connection and understanding of this small, but mighty, community.

Application and Selection

Participants will be selected on the basis of their application, their commitment, and their potential for leadership. Application deadline is Aug. 31.

Tuition is \$400 per participant for 8 days, all meals, materials, and other expenses.

The application process is selective; the team is limited to 12 persons. Sponsorship by an employer, organization, or the participant is encouraged. Applications are available at Chamber/Main Street, 641-648-5549.

Co-sponsors

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LIFE

LEADERSHIP IOWA FALLS EXPERIENCE

LIFE Class has given new life to a community I've known my whole life. I've enjoyed learning about everything from the history of Iowa Falls to each industry's contributions to the ways we can all participate in making our town a better place. The best part has been connecting with my fellow Iowa Falls community members. It's a time commitment, but time well spent knowing these relationships will always be part of my life going forward. LIFE Class is a unique experience in cultivating a community centered around service and an appreciation for the town that shapes us.

Abby Zaimes



LIFE 2026-2027 SCHEDULE

Meet and Greet

Thursday, Sept. 10, 7:30 am - 8:30 am
Orientation & meeting over coffee.

Meeting the Challenge

Thursday, Sept. 24, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm
Develop your leadership skills through engaging team-building activities. Participants will explore different leadership styles by taking the Colors Personality Assessment.

History

Thursday, Oct. 8, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm
Discover the rich history of Iowa Falls with presentations by local community historians. Enjoy guided tours, fascinating stories, that highlight the people and events that have shaped our community.

Agriculture and Business/Industry

Thursday, Oct. 22, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm
Agriculture is still the heartbeat of Hardin County. Experience this vital industry through engaging tours and presentations that showcase the innovation, technology, and dedication behind our local farms and agricultural businesses. The tour also featuring visits to local manufacturers and businesses that contribute to the county's strong economy

Health Care

Thursday, November 12, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm
Iowa Falls offers a wide range of health care services. Join us for tours and presentations from many different areas of the health care community to learn about the services and care available right here in Iowa Falls.

Extended Living

Thursday, January 14, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm
Explore the many aspects of aging in this informative and interactive session. Learn about the differences between normal aging, dementia, and Alzheimer's and gain a better understanding through an aging simulation experience that offers insight into the challenges many older adults face.

County Government and Civic Life

Thursday, February 11, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm
Learn about Hardin County Government and civic organizations that serve Iowa Falls. Explore how county government like the jail and Iowa Training School work. Discover how local organizations, nonprofits, and volunteer groups strengthen our community. Participants will gain a better understanding of the resources available and the important role these organizations play.

Education and Local Government

Thursday, March 11, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm
Explore the outstanding educational opportunities available in our community and learn about the innovative programs, technology, and hands-on experiences they offer students. Participants will gain a better understanding of how city government operates and the services it provides

State Government

Thursday, April 1, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm
Travel to the Iowa State Capitol to learn how our state government works. Tour the Capitol, meet with legislators, and discover how the legislative process impacts our communities.

Graduation

April TBA
Graduation of LIFE 2026-2027

WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU!

LIFE targets individuals who are in positions of leadership in their organizations or who have stepped up to the plate in community roles. Through this dynamic 8-month learning experience, team members gain:

- greater appreciation of issues facing today's leaders
- applied understanding of one's leadership strengths
- increased confidence for seeking and leading change
- valuable links to people in diverse leadership roles
- interpersonal growth & hands-on practice using leadership skills
- commitment to action for community well-being

THE MISSION

To inspire leadership through knowledge of community issues and interaction with people of vision.