



Thank you for your interest in the Leadership Amherst 2026 class. Please be sure to utilize the checklist to ensure all aspects of your application are completed and submitted for acceptance into this program.

CHECKLIST

Type the application in its entirety and save it electronically.

Sign and date the original application

Obtain your sponsors/employer's permission and reference

Attach two (2) letters of recommendation to the application. If you are applying with a sponsoring organization, at least one letter should be from your supervisor or a senior manager in the organization.

Reference letters must be signed and address the following:

- Relationship between applicant and writer
- Length of time knowing the applicant
- A review of the applicant's proven/witnessed leadership qualities
- An understanding of the applicant's commitment to the community

Electronically completed applications and reference letters must be submitted by e-mail to Isaunders.aeda@gmail.com.

TUITION/DEADLINES

Tuition is due once accepted into the program. An invoice will be sent.

Application Deadline:

- Standard Deadline December 19, 2025 - Cost: \$550 Nonprofit: \$450



LEADERSHIP AMHERST APPLICANT AGREEMENT

The Selection Committee selects participants for Leadership Amherst, a community leadership development program, based on their application responses. Application responses are scored and measured on:

- leadership potential (30%),
- commitment to our community (40%)
- problem solving ability (10%)
- education/experience (10%)
- ambition, drive, and goals for self-development (10%)

Participants are expected to:

1. Be actively and fully involved in all aspects of the program including team projects.
2. Interact with other participants and staff with a positive attitude towards the program and the successful completion thereof.

Leadership Amherst's curriculum is designed to foster teamwork. We believe that teamwork is best learned by being an active part of a team, both during in-class sessions and outside of class meetings. The program asks participants to stretch themselves and to value and leverage diverse points of view. This objective works best face to face. As a result, successful completion of the program stipulates that participants miss no more than two sessions, or the equivalent amount of hours. However, we realize that circumstances may arise that will impact your attendance. We will evaluate these situations on a case-by-case basis.

In keeping with the spirit of leadership and completing personal growth challenges, participants not meeting the attendance expectations may be considered for dismissal from the program. If a participant is dismissed, there will be no refund of any portion of the tuition.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Sponsor/Supervisor Name

Phone

Email

Sponsor/Supervisor Signature

Date

LEADERSHIP AMHERST APPLICATION

double click box to make selection

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Salutation:	Full Name:	Preferred Name:
How many years have you lived in Amherst? How many years have you worked in Amherst?		Have you previously applied for Leadership Amherst? YES No
Where do you prefer to get your mail? HOME Work		Email Address:
Home Address (street, city, state, zip):		Home Phone:
Work Address (street, city, state, zip):		Work Phone:

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Current Employer:	Dates of Employment:	Title:
Briefly describe your current job responsibilities:		
Provide previous positions (within 10 years beginning with most recent first, include military experience if applicable):		
Employer:	Dates:	Title:
Employer:	Dates:	Title:
Employer:	Dates:	Title:
Please provide and special professional awards and/or certifications received.		
Current Organization Type (select one): Big Business (>100 employees) Small Business (<100 employees) Government/Public Sector Civic/Non-Profit Other:	Industry Type (select one): Agriculture Arts Arts Architecture/Engineering Education Consultant Faith Organization Environment Healthcare Finance (accounting, banking,insurance) Manufacturing PR/Advertising Retail Social Services Utilities Other: Law	

EDUCATION/CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

Begin with your most recent education. Include all postgraduate studies, colleges, and high school or equivalent.

School Name & Location:

Dates:

Degree Awarded & Major:

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Dates:

Degree Awarded & Major:

Certification Title:

Date Obtained:

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VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

What have you done anywhere, anytime, that demonstrates your commitment to your community? If you have no volunteer experience, what type of volunteer work interests you?* Include work for schools, neighborhoods, political campaigns, religious groups, cultural, athletic, professional, and business activities. What type of volunteer work interests you?

Organization:

Dates:

Title:

Responsibilities:

Organization:

Dates:

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*Interested in:

LEADERSHIP AMHERST MARKETING

How did you hear about Leadership Amherst? ☐ Social Media ☐ Word of Mouth ☐ Website ☐ Newspaper ☐ e-blast
☐ Other:

OPEN ENDED QUESTIONS

Explain one way you would like to grow professionally and the benefits of that growth.

Explain how you would like to connect and be involved in the community five years from now.

Finally, what specific leadership skills would you like to focus on during your Leadership Amherst experience to help you achieve your personal and professional goals?

If you had a chance to address two significant challenges/problems facing Amherst County what two issues would you like to address? Then, choose one, explain why it is so significant, and give your recommendations for understanding and resolving this problem/opportunity.