



The Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation offers multiple leadership development opportunities through our programs. Our goal is to provide a continuum of programming that will benefit both emerging and established leaders committed to broadening their knowledge of regional issues and effective community leadership.

Impact Denver vs. Leadership Denver

In deciding which leadership program is the best fit for you, please consider the following program distinctions;

Who is the ideal candidate for the program?

Impact Denver

Metro area professionals who are in the early stages of building their civic involvement, are interested in learning about the region and developing their leadership skills and abilities to affect positive change in the community.

Leadership Denver

Active community leaders who have held voluntary leadership positions or have demonstrated a strong potential for achieving senior policy-shaping responsibilities and positions of leadership, both as a professional and as a civic volunteer.

What is the program curriculum?

Impact Denver

Impact Denver provides introductory civic leadership issues and skills training specially designed for Metro Denver's next generation of community leaders. Program topics include; Introduction to Regional Priorities, Key Industries, Current Metro Denver Issues, Trusteeship; Service and Philanthropy & Community Leadership Skills Training (Board Training, Fundraising and Presentation Skills).

Leadership Denver

Leadership Denver is the region's most established community leadership program and is highly competitive. Leadership Denver offers a balanced combination of retreats, in-depth issues seminars, experiential learning and group community action projects over an 11-month period (August-June). During the fall, class members attend a two-day retreat focusing on personal/public leadership skills and group dynamics. A sampling of the program days include; Denver in a Day, Education, Poverty/Philanthropy, Politics, Healthcare, Arts/Culture, Economic Development, Crime/Justice, Affordable Housing, State of Colorado, Global Leadership, Emergenetics, Advanced Board Training.

What is the time commitment for the program?

Impact Denver

Four half-days (1:00-5:00 PM) the third Thursday of each month (January – June) and two full-days (8:00am-5:00pm), including a class retreat (June), and a class project selection process. Total participation of each individual selected is necessary.

Leadership Denver

Leadership Denver consists of 11 day-long sessions (1 per month from August-June). These sessions are generally held the first Friday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. In addition, class members are expected to attend the orientation session, the retreat and graduation and to participate in the class project and any assigned homework exercises. Enhancement sessions are optional. To ensure a successful program, total participation of each individual selected is necessary.

What is included in the program fees?

Impact Denver

\$1,500 (in 2008). Program fees cover program materials, some meals and transportation.

Leadership Denver

\$3,250 (in 2008). Program fees cover program materials, trainings/workshops, meals and retreat accommodations.



Are scholarships available?

Impact Denver

Partial scholarships are available for select non-profit and small business applicants.

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What are the program requirements?

Impact Denver

Candidates should demonstrate an active interest in community leadership. Chamber membership is encouraged.

Leadership Denver

Candidates should represent active community leadership. Chamber membership is not required to apply for the program. Chamber membership **is required of candidates accepted in the class**. Because diversity is a goal of Leadership Denver, other factors affecting the make-up of the final class selected include age, ethnicity, gender, geographic location, vocation, and industry sector.

What is the application process?

Impact Denver

Written application required and group interview required.

Leadership Denver

Written application and interview required.

What are the program benefits?

While our leadership programs are designed to serve unique audiences, each of the Foundation's programs offer;

- Civic leadership development
- A broad perspective on critical issues and opportunities facing the region
- An introduction to influential community leaders shaping our region's future
- The opportunity to establish relationships with other civic leaders
- Volunteer training and access to placement
- Access to a broad and diverse network of established community leaders, the DMCF program alumni

Still have questions? Please feel free to contact the Foundation staff to discuss each program in further detail.

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