



Big Sky Big Leadership

A statewide leadership class offered
in Broadwater County.



2021-2022 APPLICATION PACKET

**The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the
compassionate actions of its members,"**

-- Coretta Scott King

Welcome to *Big Sky, Big Leadership, Broadwater County!*

This program is a statewide community leadership initiative developed by MSU Extension and offered at the county level. It seeks to address the need for leaders in rural communities and help participants develop skills, increase understanding of local community dynamics and improve community awareness of local issues.

Program Goals

- Identify, educate and motive emerging leaders to serve.
- Expanded awareness and understanding of county's needs and resources.
- Develop social capital among class participants.

Participant's Perspective

- **Learn** - Broaden your understanding and appreciation of issues and opportunities within Broadwater County and how you can personally and professionally benefit from being involved.
- **Engage** - Experience our community through innovative, fun, interactive sessions at various venues throughout the county.
- **Develop** - Challenge yourself as an individual to enhance your overall leadership skills.
- **Connect** - Establish relationships with a diverse group of people you otherwise might not have met to develop friendships and working partnerships.
- **Act** - Make a difference. Develop a personal commitment to become involved with projects and organizations in your community.

Program Components

- **Leadership Skill Development** – This is the fundamental part of the program. Leaders must increase their own capacity to successfully deal with growing complex issues. Sessions will use interactive techniques to engage participants in a variety of topics.
- **Community Based Experience** – The community-based experience provides participants with the opportunity to increase their awareness and understanding of the local community resources and issues. Each session provides either an on-site visit to a location or guest speaker to present critical information on a topic.
- **Group Project** - The third core component is the group project. Participants are challenged to plan, implement and evaluate a project that benefits the community and engages all participants. The purpose of the project is to utilize the skills learned and to reflect on knowledge gained through the community-based experience to create a project that positively impacts the community.

Program Logistics

The program will start **Thursday, September 16** in Townsend and include nine sessions from September through May. A tentative schedule is below. Each session will run approximately from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Participants are expected to attend and actively participate in a minimum of **five** sessions. However, the more you participate, the more you will gain from the program!

Tentative Schedule:

Date	Location	Leadership Topic	Community Based Experience
September 16	Townsend	Effective Leadership	Entrepreneurship
October 7	Toston	Real Colors Personality Assessment	Agriculture
November 4	Townsend	Communication	Manufacturing
December 2	Radersburg	Group Formation & Project Work Session	Recreation & Tourism
January 6	Townsend	Generational Understanding	Local Government
February 3	Townsend	Gracious Space	Education
March 3	Wheatland	Facilitating Meetings	County Growth & Economic Development
April 7	Winston	Difficult Conversations & Conflict Management	Mining
May 5	Townsend	Group Project Presentations & Graduation	TBD

Cost: The program cost is \$125 per participant.

BROADWATER COUNTY PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

Applications due September 2, 2021.

Name _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Work Phone _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____

Please describe present/past community involvement efforts (including community organizations, clubs, elected/civic roles, volunteer roles, etc.).

Organization	Dates	Position Held/Responsibilities
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Employment

Current Position _____ Employer _____

Mailing Address _____

Responsibilities:

What motivated you to apply for the leadership program and what do you hope to gain from this experience?

What do you envision for yourself in terms of future community leadership roles and impacts?

Thank you for your interest in the program! Please return application to:

Broadwater County Extension
416 Broadway
Townsend MT 59644
broadwater@montana.edu

Questions can be directed to Allison Kosto, MSU Extension Agent in Broadwater County, at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.

If you have any dietary restrictions, need any special accommodations or have questions about the physical access, please contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 in advance of your participation or visit.

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