The Leadership Lincoln Fellows program examines the organizations and systems that make up Lincoln and its quality of life. It offers an opportunity for individuals from all segments of our community to better understand the community and to develop leadership skills through the identification and discussion of current issues.

The Fellows program is developed within a framework of values, skills, knowledge and experiences and provides information and problem-solving techniques to expand participants’ opportunities to assume meaningful leadership roles.

1. **Fellows Recruitment Social**

Applicants are encouraged to attend the Leadership Lincoln Fellows Recruitment Social prior to completing the application form. Fellows alumni will gather to reconnect and encourage new applicants. Staff will also be available to meet with applicants to answer questions.

The Recruitment Social is scheduled on:

Thursday, May 12th, 2016 from 5:30-7:00pm

Nonprofit Hub (211 N. 14th St.)

1. **Application Instructions**

Please type answers and provide enough information to allow us to get the best representation of you and your interest in community engagement.

1. **Employer Endorsement**

Applications are not complete without the signed approval of your employer as our program conflicts with typical working hours.

1. **Program Expectations**

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* 1. Attend Opening Retreat. Attendance is required at the entire retreat including the overnight.

Wednesday, September 28th, 2016, 8:00am through

Thursday, September 29th, 2016, 5:00pm

* 1. Attend one all-day seminar on the third Thursday of each month (October, 2016–May, 2017). Attendance is required at 80% of the programming hours involved in those seminars. That equates to a permissible absence of two program days.

Thursday, October 20th, 2016, 8:00am-5:00pm

Thursday, November 17th, 2016, 8:00am-5:00pm

Thursday, December 15th, 2016, 8:00am-5:00pm

Thursday, January 19th, 2017 (date depends on Governor’s State of the State), 8:00am-5:00pm

Thursday, February 16th, 2017, 8:00am-5:00pm

Thursday, March 16th, 2017, 8:00am-5:00pm

Thursday, April 20th, 2017, 8:00am-5:00pm

Thursday, May 18th, 2017, 8:00am-5:00pm

* 1. Attend Final Retreat.

Wednesday, May 31st, 2017, 8:00am-5:00pm

* 1. Fellows participants are expected to complete a community project.
1. **Scholarships**

Applying to Fellows program is free and open to all Lancaster County individuals. Leadership Lincoln charges a tuition fee of $2,200 to all individuals selected to participate in the program.

Tuition assistance is available through a scholarship program. If an applicant requests a scholarship, that request must be made when his/her application is submitted.

1. **Deadline**

Applicants are responsible for making certain their applications are submitted to Leadership Lincoln by Friday, May 27th, 2016.

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Personal Data

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| Business address | City | State | Zip |
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| Business phone | Business email address |
| Preferred contact information is: |  | Home |  | Work |
| Do you anticipate being a resident of Lincoln in: |  | 5 yrs. |  | 5–10 yrs. |  | 10+ yrs. |
| Leadership Lincoln hopes to represent a cross-section of citizens from a variety of backgrounds. Leadership Lincoln graduates bring divergent perspectives to address Lincoln’s needs. The following optional information helps us identify applicants from a cross-section of the city.  |
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| Gender | Age | Race or Ethnic Background |

General Information

1. Why do you want to participate in the Leadership Lincoln Fellows program? Please be specific.

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1. The group experience is a vital part of Leadership Lincoln programs. What do you bring to a group? Why would having you as a part of the Fellows class enhance the experience of other participants?

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1. If someone were to ask you what community leadership means, how would you answer?

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1. Why are you seeking put yourself in community leadership roles? What difference do you think you can make?

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1. In your opinion, what are the three most critical issues facing Lincoln today and why you feel those issues are important.

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1. A vision for the future of a city is a large concept to grasp, but what are some of your ideas for the future of Lincoln? Looking into the future, describe how Lincoln might look.

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1. How would you go about making your vision for Lincoln’s future a reality?

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1. How do you feel diverse experiences affect or contribute to a community organization (or to a decision-making process in any organization)?

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1. What do you consider your highest leadership responsibility to date? What have you learned from the experience?

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1. Is there anything you would like to share which we have not asked? Hobbies? Personal interests?

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Activity Data

1. Please list, in order of importance to you, up to three volunteer, community, civic, professional, business, religious, social, athletic or other organizations in which you are currently or have previously been active. Explain why the organization is important to you. Please be specific.

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| Organization | Dates of Membership | Official Position (if any) |
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| Why is this organization important to you? |  |
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1. If you previously have not had the time or the interest to become actively involved, what conditions have changed that now enable you to seek involvement in the community?

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1. On what kinds of boards, committees or groups would you like to become active in the future? Identify or explain what you would like to accomplish in those groups. Please be specific.

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Employment History

(account for all significant employment)

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Education

(account for all significant education and/or specialized training)

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| Name of School | City, State | Major | Degree | From–To |
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Commitment/Attendance

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Tuition

The tuition fee for the Leadership Lincoln Fellows program is $2,200.00. Tuition is non-refundable. Payment plans are also available.

1. $ 200.00 is to be paid personally by the participant and is due June 30th, 2016.
2. $2,000.00 must be paid in full by June 30th, 2016 unless a payment plan has been approved.

Please indicate how you intend to pay your tuition fee (should your application be accepted):

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| 1. Myself: | $ |
| 2. My Employer: | $ |
| 3. Other (please specify): | $ |

Scholarship Request

Tuition assistance is available through our scholarship program. Requests for tuition scholarships must be requested at the time of application. Scholarships will be offered to applicants at the discretion of the Fellows Selection Committee.

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|  | I will need scholarship assistance. |
| Amount requested: | $ |
| Reason for request:  |  |

Tuition Sponsor Endorsement

If your tuition is being sponsored by an organization other than your employer, please ask your sponsor to sign below.

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| Sponsoring Organization |
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| Contact Person’s Signature | Position/Title within the Organization | Phone Number |

Employer Endorsement

Applicants for the Leadership Lincoln Fellows program must have the support and commitment of their employers. Your application must include a signature from your supervisor/employer to be complete.

I understand the above named is applying for the Leadership Lincoln Fellows XXXII 2016-2017 program.

I understand the time commitment involved as well as the financial commitment, if I am asked to pay the tuition.

I approve of the applicant’s participation, should his/her application be accepted.

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| Employer |
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| Supervisor’s Signature | Position/Title within the Organization | Phone Number |

Signature

I understand the purposes of the Leadership Lincoln Fellows program and, should my application be accepted, I will devote the time and energy necessary to make it a successful experience. I understand that final responsibility for full payment of tuition lies with me. By signing this application, I agree to abide by all of Leadership Lincoln's policies and procedures. I understand that my submission of this application does not guarantee my acceptance into the program.

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| Signature of Applicant | Date |