

Leadership

Overland Park

Program Overview

Leadership Overland Park (LOP) is a civic leadership program that educates participants about critical issues facing Overland Park, Johnson County and the metropolitan region, and provides opportunities to engage with organizations that resolve these issues. The program focuses on information, education and discussion of local and regional assets, challenges and opportunities.

Founded in 1983 as a program of the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce, the program is now a program of the Chamber's educational foundation. Leadership Overland Park has graduated nearly 1,200 alumni who provide leadership in Overland Park's business community, as well as in private, public and non-profit organizations.

Leadership Overland Park is a **6-month program, with 10 full-day sessions**. Sessions focus on specific aspects of Overland Park such as city, county and state government, history, education, politics and current issues facing the city, county, metro area and state.

The program's primary focus is on the Overland Park community, its opportunities and challenges. Emphasis is given to the City of Overland Park, Johnson County, the Kansas City Metro Area and the State of Kansas. During each session, participants will learn to use the skills necessary to be leaders in Overland Park.

At the conclusion of Leadership Overland Park, participants:

- Understand the community
- Know community leaders
- Recognize interactions between private citizens and public organizations
- See Overland Park in terms of the "big picture"
- Know more people – from classmates to presenters to participants in activities
- Have valuable networking contacts
- Are aware of engagement opportunities to become active in the community
- Are ready to serve the community

Nominees/Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Live or work in the City of Overland Park or submit a statement of relevance indicating his/her connection to Overland Park
- Be 21 years of age or older
- Have decision-making responsibility within his/her business
- Show evidence of leadership in the workplace and/or community
- Be willing to commit the required time to Leadership Overland Park
- Be committed to utilizing his/her leadership skills and knowledge for the long-term benefit of the community



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Re: Nomination for LOP 2027

Nominations should be made by completing and returning this nomination form. **Please type directly into this form (and Save As new file) or print legibly;** Complete a separate form for each nominee.

I would like to nominate the following individual for Leadership Overland Park.

Nominee Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Nominator/Your Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

All nomination forms are due to the Chamber office by 5 PM on Friday, September 4, 2026.

Formal applications will be emailed on September 11th to all nominees. Applications will be due Friday, October 16, 2026. The LOP Class of 2027 will be announced on or before December 4, 2026. Candidates are selected on the basis of written applications submitted to the selection committee. Criteria include leadership ability or potential ability, along with evidence of a strong commitment to the community. The selection committee will seek a class representing diverse backgrounds, affiliations, and goals.

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