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WHAT IS LEADERSHIP GREATER NASHUA? Leadership Greater Nashua (LGN) was founded in 1995 by a group of local business and community leaders who began asking, "Today, we know each other, and we know who we would need to bring to the table to help our community capitalize on an opportunity or overcome a crisis. Who will take our place in 25 years? Who will head our non-profit and civic organizations? Who will serve on those Boards? Do they know each other? Do they know our community?"

From those questions came a program designed to educate and connect emerging and established leaders through an in-depth look at Greater Nashua's economic, civic, and government sectors, a dialogue around critical issues and opportunities in the region, and exposure to experts and information within those areas. Since 1995, over 600 individuals have graduated from LGN with strong relationships poised to help enrich the fabric of our community, strengthen our resilience, and lead our future.

WHO SHOULD APPLY? The Chamber seeks emerging and established leaders from diverse sectors of the Greater Nashua community with a strong desire to build connections within the region so they may successfully assume leadership roles within their organization(s) and in their communities.

SELECTION: 30-35 cohorts from non-profit, education, the arts, business, government, community groups, etc. are selected based upon individual qualifications, balanced with a desire to create a diverse and stimulating class, and with a commitment to the communities of Greater Nashua.

Candidates must be willing to commit time and energy to LGN, including attending and actively participating in the opening retreat, each monthly class, and any required additional preparation time outside of session days. These individuals will hold or aspire to a leadership/management position within their organization and/or within the Greater Nashua community, with demonstrated existing leadership skills.

Applicants not selected in a given year are invited to reapply for a subsequent program year.

TUITION and PROGRAM COMMITMENT: Tuition for LGN is \$1,550 for Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce members and \$1,850 for non-members. It includes all sessions, supportive materials, and meals on session days. Limited tuition assistance is available based on need and qualifications. Tuition is non-refundable. No individual may attend the initial session unless payment has been made in full.

To be eligible for the member tuition rate, an applicant's business/employer/community organization must be a member in good standing with the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce for the duration of the LGN program.

Instructions: Please fill out this application in its entirety [all fields are required]. All applications, including letter(s) of recommendation, resumes, answers to essay questions, and any requests for tuition assistance, must be received by **5:00pm on Wednesday, June 25, 2025**. Part of the application process includes an interview which will be scheduled after applications have been processed.

Personal Information

Name: _____ Nickname: _____
Home Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Telephone (Cell): _____
Personal Email Address: _____

Employment / Self-Employment / Sponsoring Civic Organization Information

I am: Representing my company Self-Employed Representing a civic organization
Current Employer/Civic Organization: _____
Company/Organization Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Telephone (Business): _____ Extension: _____
Work Email Address: _____
Position/Title: _____ # Years in this Position: _____
Supervisor's Name: _____
Supervisor's E-Mail Address: _____
Supervisor's Phone Number: _____

Preferred Email for LGN Communication: Personal Work Both

How did you hear about Leadership Greater Nashua? (Check all that apply).

My supervisor/employer An LGN alum One Greater Nashua
Chamber email Chamber website Chamber social media
Other (please specify): _____

1. Civic Involvement

Please list your current civic involvement in order of importance to you (include civic, religious, political, and other activities):

Organization: _____	Nature of Organization: _____
Position: _____	Date(s): _____
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Please briefly describe your contributions or achievements in any of these organizations.

2. Please submit a response to each of the following questions. Each question's response should be 250 words or less.

Why do you want to participate in Leadership Greater Nashua? How will you contribute to the success of your class and the LGN program?

What are you doing today, personally and/or professionally, to engage with your community?

In your opinion, what is the most critical issue facing the Greater Nashua region today? Please reference any personal involvement you may have in addressing that issue.

In your opinion, what is the most promising opportunity available to the Greater Nashua region today? Please reference any personal involvement you may have in furthering that opportunity.

3. Please provide a letter of recommendation from a direct supervisor. [Optional: You are welcome to provide additional letter(s) of recommendation from colleagues or coworkers.]

4. Please provide a copy of your current CV/resume.

5. Attendance, Participation, and Time Commitment:

Leadership Greater Nashua's program takes place on ten business days, during business hours, from September 2024 through June 2025. A mandatory retreat [two full days, one overnight stay] will be held in September and graduation will be held in the evening in late May/early June 2025. Specific dates can be found on the GNCC website and on the final page of this application. There is also required reading and other program assignments, including the class Project, which will require time outside of the scheduled sessions.

Participants are expected to attend, be fully present and participate in each session. Please consider your ability to attend ALL sessions before you apply. If a participant misses more than two sessions, they will be dropped from the program.

Applicants should have the support and commitment of their employers and will be required to submit the (below) applicant commitment form and the (separate) employer commitment form.

Employers will have the opportunity to opt in for a mid-year progress report.

APPLICANT COMMITMENT

Attendance & Participation:

I understand that the Leadership Greater Nashua program takes place on business days, during business hours, from September 2025 to May 2026 and that my attendance at the Retreat is mandatory.

I understand that attendance at all LGN session days is expected, and the overnight retreat is mandatory. Leaving a session early or arriving late will result in a ½ day absence. If I miss more than two session days (total including both full and partial day absences), I will not be permitted to graduate from the program.

I understand that a large component of the LGN Program is "The Project" and my participation in said project is mandatory. Attendance at one (minimum) Project fundraiser and the Project installation day is required. If I do not participate, I will not be permitted to graduate.

Tuition: I understand that the tuition for LGN is \$1,550 for Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce members and \$1,850 for non-members; it is **due by August 29, 2025**, and is non-refundable. My employer or sponsoring community organization may pay any or all of the tuition. Limited tuition assistance may be available based upon demonstrated need.

I, _____, am making a commitment to fully participate in the 2025-2026 Leadership Greater Nashua program.

Applicant Signature

Date

Please email your completed application including applicant/employer commitment form, along with an updated resume, your letter of recommendation, answers to the essay questions, and (if you wish to be considered for tuition assistance) your completed Tuition Assistance Request, no later than **5:00pm on Wednesday, June 25, 2025** to: aomara@nashuachamber.com



Leadership Greater Nashua Class of 2025-2026 **Session Schedule** *(Tentative)*

Other than the Opening Retreat and Graduation, *all sessions are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month* [exceptions noted by *], typically from 8:00am to 5:00pm, unless noted on the day's agenda.

September 4-5, 2025	Overnight Retreat
October 1, 2025	Nashua History, Arts and Culture
November 5, 2025	Non-Profits
December 3, 2025	Criminal Justice & Public Safety
January 7, 2026	High Tech Industry
February 4, 2026	Government & Politics
March 4, 2026	Healthcare
April 1, 2026	Education & Workforce
May 6, 2026	Economic Development & Entrepreneurship
TBD, May, 2026	Graduation, Reflections, & The Future