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2025 - 2026 APPLICATION

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2025-2026 Employer/Sponsor Acknowledgement

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 500 individuals have graduated from LGN with strong relationships poised to help enrich the fabric of our communities, strengthen our resilience, and lead for 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**.

Employer Information

Name: _____

Company/Civic Organization: _____

Company/Organization Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone (Business): _____ Extension: _____

Work Email Address: _____

Position/Title: _____

Employee Name: _____

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I am: ☐ a GNCC Member in good standing.   ☐ not a Member of GNCC.

<u>Tuition and Scholarships</u>

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Billing Contact: _____

Company/Organization: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number:_____

Limited tuition assistance is available. If you require tuition assistance, please complete the LGN Tuition Assistance Request and submit it with this application.

<u>Attendance, Participation, and Time Commitment</u>
Leadership Greater Nashua's program takes place on ten business days, during business hours, from September 2025 through May 2026. A mandatory overnight retreat will be held in September and graduation will be held in the evening in late May/early June 2026. Specific dates can be found on the GNCC website. 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 their ability to attend ALL sessions before they apply. Leaving a session early or arriving late will result in a ½ day absence. If a participant misses more than two session days (total, including both full and partial day absences), they will not be permitted to graduate from the program.

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

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

EMPLOYER/SPONSOR COMMITMENT

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☐ I am sponsoring my employee.

☐ I am sponsoring myself [self-employed].

All Employers may opt in for a mid-program progress report [attendance, participation, etc.].

☐ I would like to opt in to receive a mid-program progress report for my employee.

I have discussed the Leadership Greater Nashua program with my employee, and I am in full support of their participation in the 2025-26 program. I agree to work in partnership with the employee to arrange schedules that accommodate the time needed for the LGN program, leadership activities, and to help reinforce the learning experiences shared during the program. I also understand that the tuition for the program is $1,550 for Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce members and $1,850 for non-members and is non-refundable.

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Sponsor Signature   Date

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Sponsor Printed Name