“The LIFE class was such a great experience. Diana and the Life Advisory Board put in so much time and effort to showcase the wonderful community of Iowa Falls and Hardin County. Each class brings a new experience, and you will be blown away at the depth and variety of information that is presented by local business leaders and community volunteers. Being new to the community, it was a great way to get acclimated with the city and its businesses, along with gaining a new group of peers. I have gained a new respect for how a small community runs. I would highly recommend the LIFE class to anyone new to the area or anyone that was born and raised in the community. You will learn so much and it’s a great jump start to getting involved in the community!”

Kristen Collison
LIFE 2017-2018 Graduate

“LIFE class was a wonderful experience and I would recommend it to anyone. Not being from Iowa, it gave me the opportunity to learn more about the strong history of Iowa Falls and everything the businesses have to offer. It also allowed me to broaden my network by meeting community leaders and stakeholders.”

Callie Gitch
LIFE 2017-2018 Graduate

“The LIFE class was a great experience! Whether your new to the community or a native such as myself, I highly recommend taking the LIFE class. There was a lot I knew about the community but so much more that I learned! I learned something new at every class. I met lots of new people that I otherwise wouldn’t have and made friends in the process.”

Nancy Hoffman
LIFE 2017-2018 Graduate

Application & Selection

Participants will be selected on the basis of their application, their commitment, and their potential for leadership. Application deadline is Aug. 31.

Tuition is $375 per participant for 12 days, all meals, materials, and other expenses.

The application process is selective; the team is limited to 12 persons. Sponsorship by an employer, organization, or the participant is encouraged. Applications are available at Chamber/Main Street, 648-5549.

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**LIFE 2018-2019 (Leadership Iowa Falls Experience)**

**Beginnings**
Thursday, Sept. 6, 7:30 am — 8:30 am
Orientation & get to meet over breakfast.

**Meeting the Challenge**
Thursday, Sept. 27, 7:30 am — 4:30 pm
Experience “Iowa Valley Adventures” Challenge Course; team-building, trust, leadership, collaborative problem-solving.

**History**
Thursday, Oct. 4, 7:30 am — 4:30 pm
Community historians will present Iowa Falls heritage through tours & discussions of issues for today and tomorrow.

**Agriculture**
Thursday, Oct. 18, 7:30 am — 4:30 pm
Agriculture is still the beat of Hardin County. Where does farming fit into the 21st century?

**Health Care**
Thursday, Nov. 1, 7:30 am — 4:30 pm
Iowa Falls offers many health care services; physical and emotional well-being, home health care, long-term care, social services, dental, vision, emergency, special clinics and more.

**Leadership Styles**
Thursday, Nov. 15, 7:30 am — 4:30 pm
Leadership styles, skill development, and components of influential people.

**Leisure, Civic Organization & Volunteers**
Thursday, Jan. 10, 7:30 am — 4:30 pm
Iowa Falls has many clubs, activities and events to attend and participate in. What are some opportunities for fun, art and community involvement?

**Extended Living**
Thursday, Jan. 24, 7:30 am — 4:30 pm
An aging population is a major force in Iowa Falls demographics. Explore the options, possibilities and realities.

**Education**
Thursday, Feb. 7, 7:30 am — 4:30 pm
We learn throughout our lives; get perspective on all aspects of education — from pre-school through college.

**State Government**
Thursday, Feb. 21, 7:30 am — 4:30 pm
Travel to the State Capital. How does government impact you? How do you impact government?

**Local Government**
Thursday, March 7, 7:30 am — 4:30 pm
How does government fit into your life? What can you do to be more informed, change things, or become more involved?

**Business/Industry**
Thursday, March 21, 7:30 am — 4:30 pm
Tour Industry/Commerce/Retail/Entrepreneurial successes in Iowa Falls.

**Graduation**
April, 6:00 pm — 9:00 pm
Graduation banquet, a celebration of LIFE 2018-2019!

We’re Looking for YOU!
LIFE targets individuals who are in positions of leadership in their organizations or who have stepped up to the plate in community roles. Through this dynamic 8-month learning experience, team members gain:

- greater appreciation of issues facing today’s leaders
- applied understanding of one’s leadership strengths
- increased confidence for seeking and leading change
- valuable links to people in diverse leadership roles
- interpersonal growth & hands-on practice using leadership skills
- commitment to action for community well-being

*Other project days may be arranged. These dates are flexible for makeup days due to weather, project work or other reasons.*

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**LIFE MISSION**
To inspire leadership through knowledge of community issues and interaction with people of vision.