Dear Leadership Kearney Class 33 applicant:

Thank you for expressing an interest in Leadership Kearney (LK). LK is a program whose mission is to identify, educate, and nurture potential, emerging, and existing leaders who are committed to improving the quality of life in Kearney and the surrounding communities.

By applying to LK, you are showing an interest in developing yourself and making an investment in our community. During your two years in LK, you will experience interactive, hands-on session days focusing on developing leadership skills and educating yourself about the different roles you can have in your community. The purpose is to empower and inspire you to become involved and committed to your community. We do this while having fun and building friendships that can last a lifetime!

**The deadline for all parts of the application is Wednesday, May 14th, 2025.**

**All parts of the application including references need to be submitted by the deadline.**

Only complete applications with all components submitted by the deadline will be considered. Use the following checklist to help ensure you submit all the application components.

* Submit all application components of the Leadership Kearney online application by the deadline: **Wednesday, May 14th, 2025**.
* LK Application (Online Only)
* Two Reference Letters (References can send copies to info@leadershipkearney.com or deliver them to the Leadership Kearney/Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce office, 220 11th Avenue.)

Please use this Word document to prepare your application. You will NOT be able to save applications online, so we encourage you to use this document to work on your application. Once you feel your application is complete, just copy and paste your responses into your LK online application.

**Section One:**

**Personal Information:**

1. **Full Name (First & Last)**:
2. **Cell Phone Number**:
3. **E-mail**:
4. **Address (Street/City/State/Zip Code)**:

**Section Two:**

**Employment Information (Current Employer)**

1. Business Name:
2. Supervisor Name:
3. Business Address (Street/City/Zip Code):
4. Applicant’s Job Title:

**Section 3**

**Employment Information (Previous Employment)**

1. Previous Employer 1 (List: Business Name, Title Held & Dates of Employment):
2. Previous Employer 2 (List: Business Name, Title Held & Dates of Employment):
3. Previous Employer 3 (List: Business Name, Title Held & Dates of Employment):

**Section 4**

**Leadership Vision**

*This section is worth 30 points.*

1. Why do you want to participate in Leadership Kearney? Please be specific. (5 points)
2. Besides networking and meeting other leaders, what are your expectations of Leadership Kearney? Please include specific experience or skills you hope to gain. (5 points)
3. Group experience is a vital part of Leadership Kearney. What do you bring to a group? How would your part, of a Leadership Kearney class, enhance the experience of other participants? (5 points)
4. Define your concept of leadership. (5 points)
5. What do you see as the major challenge(s) and/or opportunity(s) facing the Kearney area? Why do you feel those issues are important? (10 points)

**Section 5**

**Community**

*This section is worth 10 points.*

1. What do you consider your highest leadership responsibility to date? What have you learned from that experience? (5 points)
2. How will your participation in Leadership Kearney enhance or allow you to be more involved in your community? What difference do you think you can make? (5 points)
3. Below 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.
4. Organization 1: Dates of Membership, Official Position (if any), Why is this organization important to you?
5. Organization 2: Dates of Membership, Official Position (if any), Why is this organization important to you?
6. Organization 3: Dates of Membership, Official Position (if any), Why is this organization important to you?
7. If you previously have not had the time or interest to become actively involved, what conditions have changed that now enable you to seek involvement in the community?
8. 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.

**Section 6**

**Education**

Education 1 (Name/Location of School, Degree, and Field of Study)

Education 2 (Name/Location of School, Degree, and Field of Study)

Education 3 (Name/Location of School, Degree, and Field of Study)