Missoula is a dynamic and energetic community. Such vitality and growth presents many opportunities and challenges for the citizens of Missoula. Keeping our community vibrant and healthy requires insightful leaders who have the ability to communicate and work effectively with others. LEADERSHIP MISSOULA is designed to facilitate the development and growth of tomorrow’s leaders and provide opportunities to interact with different community members and explore issues relevant to our community.

Leadership Missoula is a program of the Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce
GOALS OF LEADERSHIP MISSOULA
- To cultivate and motivate community leaders
- To acquaint participants with community needs and problems, while offering alternatives for solutions
- To give participants an opportunity to meet community leaders, to associate in a meaningful way with their peers and to be motivated toward greater community involvement
- Introduce participants to leadership skills in the second year of involvement – planning sessions
- Building connections with fellow business men and women, networking, referring professionally, mentorship, personal and professional growth

SELECTION, TUITION & SCHOLARSHIPS
- Candidates will be selected with a goal of establishing a diverse mix of professions, activities, backgrounds and perspectives.
  - Class size is limited!
- Tuition:
  - $1,600 for Chamber Members  
  - $2,100 for Non-Chamber Members

  Tuition fee is payable upon acceptance in the program. This fee covers the costs of the beginning and ending retreats, individual session meals, materials and group transportation. **Tuition is non-refundable and must be paid in full by September 1, 2021.**
  - Scholarships may be available in a limited number and cover partial tuition fees. Typically these are awarded to nonprofit organizations or individuals not affiliated with a business. Small businesses and entrepreneurs are encouraged to apply.

APPLICATIONS DUE:
- Early deadline: prior to Friday, April 2, 2021  
  $50 non-refundable application fee
- Late deadline: April 3-May 28, 2021  
  $60 non-refundable application fee

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
- Leadership Missoula participants will initiate their experience with a two-day, mandatory beginning retreat in October. This is followed by eight all-day sessions held over the next several months and concludes with a two-day mandatory retreat in May.
- Two-year commitment: Graduates of the class will work together the following year to organize two session days each for the next Leadership Missoula class. **Second year will include fundraising and professional speaking as well as organization of session days for the LM 39 class.**
- Participants may not be absent for more than 2.5 days total. Both the beginning and ending retreats are mandatory. Failure to meet mandatory retreat attendance and/or exceeding the 2.5 missed days will result in a failure to graduate. Class members who fail to meet the attendance requirements will not be invited to attend graduation, receive their plaque or LM pin and will not be allowed to participate in the planning of the session days with their fellow class members in year two.
Application Form: Leadership Missoula 38  

Final Application Deadline: Friday, May 28, 2021

Name: ______________________________ Title: ______________________________

Business or Organization: __________________________________________________________

Gender: ___M  ___F  Age Group: ___20-29 ___30-39 ___40-49 ___50+  
Birth date: ____/____/____

Business mailing address: __________________________________________________________

Home mailing address: __________________________________________________________

Business phone: _______________   Cell phone: _______________ Email: _______________________

Name of Supervisor: ______________________________

Dietary restrictions/preferences: ____________________________________________________

Tuition rate: ____$1600 Chamber member ____$2100 Non Chamber Member

Tuition paid by:  _____Employer   _____Self   _____Employer & Self   _____Other

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Deposit: A non-refundable $50 application fee must accompany all applications submitted on or before April 2, 2021. After that day, a $60 non-refundable application fee must accompany all applications.

Scholarships: Partial tuition scholarships may be offered depending on available funding. These are awarded based on the financial need of members of non-governmental nonprofit organizations or individuals not affiliated with a business, small business or entrepreneur. If you believe you would be eligible, please check below and submit a separate paragraph stating why you would be a good candidate to receive a scholarship.

I will need a partial scholarship in the amount of $ _______

If not selected for a scholarship, please consider me a tuition-paying applicant:  ___YES  ___NO

Who recommended this program to you? ____________________________________________

When selected & upon graduation, you will be automatically enrolled in the Leadership Missoula Alumni Association. Please list your fields of interest here (natural resources, human services, etc.)

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Attendance Requirements: Acceptance into the Leadership Missoula 35 program includes a two year commitment. The first year consists of a mandatory beginning and ending retreat and eight sessions, spanning from October through May. **Attendance at both retreats is mandatory. Participants are only allowed to miss 2½ of the monthly sessions. Anyone missing more than 2½ sessions (a ½ day absence is allowed only one time) will not be recognized as a Leadership Missoula graduate. The second-year commitment after graduation provides first hand leadership training as planners for the LM 36 session days. The second year responsibility does not require attendance at each session day, only the two sessions you select to organize. The leadership skills that you will be using your second year will include fundraising for donations to cover your session day costs; professional speaking skills for the introduction of speakers and topics and organizational skills in setting agendas of the day’s events. Please review the dates of the retreats and sessions and consult with your employer about attendance requirements. Your signature below verifies that, if accepted into the program, you agree to abide by the attendance requirements.

_________________________  ______________________

(Signature) (Date)

STAFF USE: Affiliation Code___________ Paid___________ Date Rec’d___________
REQUIRED: Please complete the required questions below and include these with your application:

1. Explain how you think Leadership Missoula can help you fulfill your own aspirations to be a leader in the Missoula community.

2. How will participation in Leadership Missoula benefit your organization?

3. Please attach a resume that includes your educational background and work history.

Graduates of Leadership Missoula are selected to lead the program!

Jeff Kuchel, LM38 Chair
Graduate, LM35

Jeff Kuchel joined Crowley Fleck as an attorney in 2013 and is a member of the firm’s Commercial Litigation Practice Group. Jeff has substantial experience litigating complicated commercial matters in several areas, including real property law, real estate malpractice, and financial industry litigation.

Jeff grew up in Florence and graduated from Florence Carlton High School. He then moved to Tucson, Arizona and attended the University of Arizona for two years. In 1999, Jeff enlisted with the Arizona Army National Guard and subsequently served on active duty for several years. Following his time in the military, Jeff worked in healthcare finance while also going to school. Jeff completed his bachelor’s degree from Northern Arizona University and returned to Montana to attend law school. Jeff joined Crowley Fleck after graduating from the University of Montana School of Law in 2013.

Jeff enjoys spending time with his wife, Meagan, a nurse practitioner in Missoula, his son, Preston, a high school student at Big Sky High School, and their three dogs, Jack, Norman, and Tess. Jeff serves on the Board of Directors of the Missoula Downtown Association, volunteers with the Fourth Judicial District Veterans Court, and is a Reserve Deputy with the Missoula County Sheriff’s Department.

Please return your application to:
The Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 7577/825 E Front Street
Missoula, MT 59807-7577

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact: kimberly@missoulachamber.com

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