



Before applying for Leadership Gardner please note the following:

- **Attendance is mandatory.** If you are aware of multiple scheduling conflicts, we ask you to consider applying for a future program.
- Unless specific times are noted below, sessions should be considered full days. Start and end times may vary but plan for an 8am-5pm schedule.
- State, County and Regionalism sessions are shared sessions with Leadership Lenexa, Leadership Leawood, Leadership Northeast, Leadership Olathe, Leadership Overland Park, and Shawnee Tomorrow.

#### WELCOME RECEPTION

4:30PM - 6:00PM JANUARY 15

The welcome reception provides the opportunity to meet and greet your fellow participants allowing you to introduce yourself before our first session. Drinks and appetizers will be provided.

#### INTRODUCTION/TEAMBUILDING DAY

JANUARY 16

Prior to the session, we take the 5 Voices Assessment to discover our Leadership Voice. A certified consultant will take us through exercises to teach us more about our Voices and show us basic strategies to apply them in all areas of life.

#### CITY DAY

JANUARY 30

Learn how the governing body functions, how a development project goes from idea to opening, and how the city is funded. We'll also have interactive activities with multiple departments from utilities to parks & recreation and a tour of city facilities.

#### EDUCATION DAY

FEBRUARY 6

This session focuses on innovative programs offered to USD231 students including the career tech programs at GEHS and opportunities available through Johnson County Community College for traditional and non-traditional students as well as continuing education programs.

#### HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES DAY

FEBRUARY 20

We visit the Olathe Health/University of Kansas Health System campus to learn about the services they provide onsite and throughout the community. We will also hear updates and learn of the many health initiatives that affect our area.

#### STATE DAY

MARCH 5

We travel to Topeka by motorcoach and learn about the latest in the Kansas Legislature from elected and other officials. We share the session with the chamber leadership programs from Lenexa, Leawood, Northeast Johnson County, Olathe, Overland Park, and Shawnee

#### COUNTY DAY

APRIL 9

At this shared session we hear from elected officials and county departments to learn about the many people, programs and processes that keep the county running.

#### REGIONALISM DAY

APRIL 24

This session includes KC Metro area organizations and topics that affect economic development, politics, and culture on both sides of the state line. We share this day with the six other chamber leadership groups.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY DAY

MAY 14

Get up close to the work of first responders - our fire and police departments. Participate in demonstrations and get a look at the programs and tools used to keep the community safe.

#### GRADUATION LUNCHEON

12:00PM - 1:30PM MAY 20

Enjoy the recognition by inviting your friends, family and colleagues to celebrate the completion of Leadership Gardner 2025.