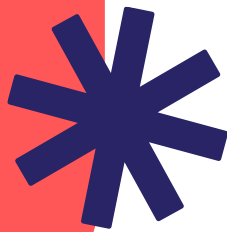


GRUNDY CHAMBER LEADERSHIP ACCELERATOR



GRUNDY COUNTY
Chamber
of COMMERCE

CLASS OF 2026 APPLICATION

The Grundy County Chamber of Commerce & Industry is debuting its first Leadership Accelerator program (GCLA) this Spring. GCLA is a premier professional development program designed to cultivate informed, connected, and engaged leaders within our business and civic community.

Through a structured series of interactive sessions, participants gain firsthand insight into the key sectors that shape our region - including local government, education, healthcare, economic development, and nonprofit leadership.

2nd & 4th Thursdays meeting mostly from 830 a.m. to 12 p.m. March -August (No July sessions)

Session topics:

- Leadership enhancement **3/12/26**
- County tour by officials **3/26/26**
- Grundy historical experience **4/9/26**
- Civic leadership **4/23/26**
- Education & Nonprofit vision **5/7/26**
 - *JJC President Dr. Clyne Namuo
- Leadership in Healthcare **5/21/26**
 - *Morris Hospital President & CEO Tom Dohm
- Manufacturing in Grundy **6/4/26**
- Entrepreneurship **6/18/26**
- Legislators Chat **8/4/26** or **8/5/26** TBD
- Graduation TBD

◆ **\$550 members**

◆ **\$1,000 non-members**

Registration due Feb. 13.

The Chamber will accept 10 participants this year. All applications must be submitted by 4 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 13.

- Complete form in its entirety
- Make sure you can attend required dates
- Email any questions or concerns to christina@grundychamber.com with the subject line GCLA Application.

Eligibility & Selection Criteria:

- Leadership Accelerator is suggested for individuals who are on a path to or have reached a leadership role in their organization. Both up and coming and established professionals are welcome. Required selection criteria includes:
 - Commitment to serving Grundy County
 - Has the potential for and interest in advancing in a leadership role
 - Active involvement in business, education, government, religion, the arts and/or community based-organizations
 - Representation from a cross-section of the area
 - Willingness to collaborate on a team-based project
 - Ability to attend all sessions of GCLA. Those who do not attend all may be asked to withdraw from the program with no refund

LEADERSHIP ACCELERATOR APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Preferred Name (if applicable): _____

Title/Position: _____

Organization/Employer: _____

Business

Nonprofit

Government

Education

Healthcare

Other: _____

Business Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Time with Organization: _____

APPLICATION AGREEMENT:

To participate in GCLA, I understand that I have to attend ALL sessions and that I must participate in a team project if applicable.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

EMPLOYER AGREEMENT:

The applicant has the full support of the business/organization for the time, commitment, and financial support required to participate in the Chamber's Leadership Accelerator program.

Employer Name & Title (Print): _____

Employer Signature: _____ Date: _____