



Now Accepting Applications for the 2026-2027 Class

This year marks the **34th anniversary** since the founding of Pratt Leadership 2000 in 1992. This outstanding educational experience provides our community members with the opportunity to expand their leadership knowledge and capabilities. The class meets once a month from October to April. In addition to these monthly sessions, the class will attend a two-day conference, Your Leadership Edge, at the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita. While at the conference, participants will be able to connect and collaborate with others interested in improving their professional and community leadership abilities across the state and nation.

All classes begin at 9:00 a.m. and generally run until 4:30 p.m. **Participation in all planned activities and class days is required for graduation.** The 2026-2027 class will meet the following dates:

- October 14, 2026
- November 11, 2026
- December 9, 2026
- January 13, 2027
- February 10, 2027
- March 10, 2027
- April 14, 2027
- May 12, 2027
- TBA - Your Leadership Edge Class at the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita. The two-day course will be announced by KLC at a later date. The month KLC hosts this class, we will cancel our regular Wednesday session.

Tuition for the class is \$350 which covers the following expenses:

- Kansas Leadership Center Conference Fee (a \$400 value)
- Lodging in Wichita for KLC training (\$200 value)
- Transportation to local monthly tours
- Lunch for each class session
- Required class materials, which includes materials from the Kansas Leadership Center for the Your Leadership Edge course.
- When Everyone Leads Certification (a \$199 value)
- KLC Books (a \$45 value)

*Leadership League offers a limited number of scholarships based on need and encourage those interested in the course but unable to afford the tuition to apply for the *Jeanette Siemens Leadership Scholarship*.

Application forms are available online at sccfks.org (under the partnership tab) and are due August 15, 2026!

Questions: contact leadershipleagueks@gmail.com.

ABOUT PARTNERSHIP WITH KANSAS LEADERSHIP CENTER:

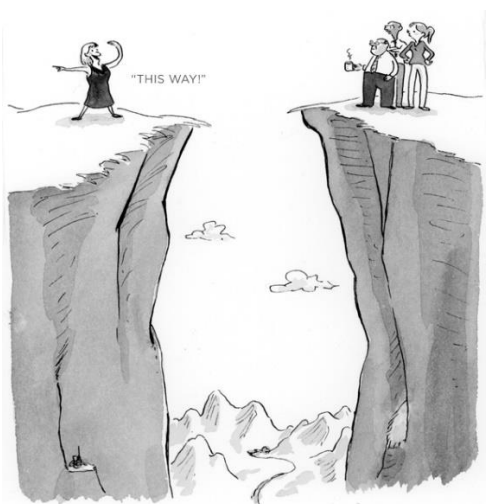
Leadership League has partnered with the Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) to create stronger, healthier, more prosperous communities. To grow our communities, we must mobilize others to inspire a collective purpose for the common good. We know it is risky and challenging work. The mission of the KLC is to inspire and equip people, together, to do difficult things for the common good. We believe you would be a good candidate for this program.

Leadership is:

1. Learning skills and techniques to work with others, across factions, to create an environment for the better.
2. A program to engage the unusual voices that are often not heard.
3. About being challenged to ask and answer tough questions about ourselves and our communities.
4. Learning through powerful experiences that provide conceptual frameworks, skills, tools, and ways of being consistent with a more purposeful and collaborative leadership approach.

Our program begins with a day of getting to know your fellow classmates, followed by seven class sessions. During these sessions participants will explore the KLC Leadership Competencies of Diagnosing the Situation; Energizing Others; Managing Self; and Intervening Skillfully. Participants must attend all sessions to graduate from the program. Class participants will also attend a two-day conference at KLC in Wichita.

Class sessions also include small group activity, tours of Pratt County businesses and attractions, and the opportunity to network with community, business and civic representative. Tour of neighboring counties may also be included.



Courtesy of the Kansas Leadership Center.

OUR HISTORY

Leadership League of South Central Kansas evolved from Pratt Leadership 2000 Plus. The first Leadership 2000 PLUS class was held in 1992, after almost one year of planning. The initial board of directors consisted of Howard Loomis, Frank Laubhan, Bob Schmissueer, Father Ted Skalsky, Dick McCall, Janis Moore and Jeanette Siemens, Director of the Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce.

For a number of years, the program was successful and one of mainly Community Awareness. Participation was one full day a month for 8 months. The program was very successful, but after several years, the board as well as participants began asking the question...isn't there more?

The timing was good as the Kansas Health Foundation had been holding "Town Hall" type meetings across the state and asking the question, "What would make your community a healthier place to live?" (By healthy, they meant physically, emotionally and economically). The answer of "leadership" came back more often than not. Leadership was ineffective, tired or no new leadership was emerging or all of the above. The Kansas Health Foundation (KHF) began looking for effective statewide programs, hence the Kansas Community Leadership Initiative. Seventeen communities in the state participated in the training which began in 1998. Over a three year period our program went through training with KHF and changed our program to reflect what we learned. Leadership skills and capacities became a part of the curriculum, and over time, community awareness continued as another segment. KHF gave us \$10,000 to help offset changes in the program and to begin encouraging projects.

Over the years, KHF has endowed Leadership with two separate \$100,000 grants that are managed by the South Central Community Foundation.

In 2019, the Leadership Pratt board reached out to our neighbors to discuss the possibility of expanding to include Kingman, Barber, Kiowa and Stafford counties. With much enthusiasm, Leadership League of South Central Kansas was created. The inaugural year saw 16 participants from four counties.

Our mission is to continue to cultivate and develop leadership in our communities. Leadership League of South Central Kansas is a program to help develop the leadership base in our community, providing commonsense skills and capacities along with confidence to become a community leader.



2026-2027 APPLICATION FORM

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Information must be confined to the application.
- All answers must be typed or handwritten legibly.
- Applications are subject to confidential evaluations, and class size is limited. If you are not selected to be a part of this year's class, we encourage you to reapply next year. Applications are not held over for the next year.
- Applicants will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance within two weeks of the deadline.
- Applications deadline – Your application must be signed and received by 5:00 pm, **August 15, 2026**, by email at leadershipleagueks@gmail.com or return to SCCF at P.O. Box 8624 | 114 West 5th Street in Pratt, KS 67124

ATTENDANCE: You are required to attend all program sessions and Graduation. The sessions run from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

TUITION AND SCHOLARSHIPS

If accepted into the Leadership program, you and your company/organization will be responsible for the tuition fee of \$350, which covers all costs including meals, materials, and other expenses associated with the monthly sessions. This fee also covers KLC program pathway, When Everyone Leads Certification (\$199 value), KLC books (\$45 value). The fee is due prior to the first session. **Please do not send payment with your application. You will be invoiced upon acceptance into the program.**

A limited number of scholarships are available. The Selection Committee will attempt to award these funds based on need. We encourage those that want to participate but are concerned about the financial obligations to apply for a tuition scholarship. If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please contact the Leadership League for a scholarship application.



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Name:

Gender*:

Home Address:

Phone:

Email:

Birthday (MM/DD/YEAR)*:

T-Shirt Size:

Ethnicity*:

*This data is collected for KLC reports, all personal information will be kept confidential to LLSCKS, only overall data will be shared.

EMPLOYEMENT Current

Current Employer:

Address:

Employer Phone:

Title or Position:

Date Started:

Emergency Contact:

Emergency Contact Phone:

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

Please list, in order of importance to you, any organization and/or committees you have been a member of (community, civic, professional, religious, or other). Please limit to past five years:

GENERAL

As a community member, what do you consider your greatest responsibility to your community?

When thinking about the future of your community, what concerns you the most?

When thinking about the future of your community, what excites you the most?

What do you hope to gain from your Leadership experience? What are your expectations?

Please list any additional information you would like to share about your community experiences, leadership roles, and goals that you would like factored into your application consideration:



BARBER - COMANCHE - KINGMAN - KIOWA - PRATT - RICE - STAFFORD

COMMITMENT BY APPLICANT

I understand that if selected, I must attend all sessions and the Graduation Celebration. That there maybe be some additional time required for class exercises and presentations.

Yes

No

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

COMMITMENT BY EMPLOYER

Applicants for Leadership must have the support and commitment of their employer or organization. Your direct supervisor's signature is necessary as an indication of the support of the applicant's participation in the program.

_____ has my full support for the time and personal commitment required to participate in Leadership. I understand that attendance at class sessions, and graduation celebration are required for the successful completion of the program.

Signature of Employer: _____ Date _____

Print Name of Employer:

Return Completed Application by **5:00 pm, August 15th** to:
South Central Community Foundation P.O. Box 8624, 114 West 5th Street in Pratt, KS 67124
or by email at leadershipleagueks@gmail.com.

Due to the nature of the subject materials, participants cannot miss more than one class, or they will not be qualified to graduate, and your fee will be forfeited. We do understand that emergencies happen, if you must miss a class, please contact one of the class facilitators.