



Why Enroll in the Leadership Institute?

1. Leadership Skills Development

Each month, attributes of inspiring leaders are discussed. Skills necessary for effective leadership, such as those listed below, are presented by experts in a workshop format.

- Team Building
- Leading Organizational Change
- Emotional Intelligence (awareness of self and others)
- Strengths-Based Leadership
- Communications
- Ethical Leadership
- Conflict Resolution and Negotiation

2. Civic Awareness and Engagement

Panels of experienced leaders in fields critical to St. Lawrence County provide knowledge and insights on community issues, empowering participants to have a positive impact.

Topics may include: Agriculture, Government, Business, Social Issues, Health & Public Safety, Justice, Education, Arts, and Environment.

3. Networking

With over 200 alumni since 1993, this program provides valuable opportunities to build your professional network within the county and remain engaged as active leaders equipped to lead change in your professions and within your communities.

Application and Selection

Applications available at visitstlc.com/slli. Complete applications include a resume. Class is limited to 25 participants.

Your Investment

For the certificate program, the tuition fee is \$750. This includes all course materials and meals for the 9 sessions. Monthly installment payments are possible. Should a student withdraw from the program after attending two sessions or less, the balance of the fee less \$100 will be refunded. No refunds will be given on or after the date of the third session.

Need-based scholarships are available. Participants are encouraged to inquire with their employers for tuition sponsorship.



SLLI Class of 2026

Send completed applications to:
St. Lawrence Leadership Institute
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A Commitment to Leadership Growth and Civic Engagement

The mission of the St. Lawrence Leadership Institute (SLLI) is to foster the development of emerging and existing leaders for the advancement of St. Lawrence County and its communities. SLLI is a 9-month program with classes held once per month from September to May. The scope and relevance of the program make it a valuable experience for newcomers to St. Lawrence County through lifelong and longtime residents. SLLI participants come from small businesses and major industries, government, elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities, and the non-profit sector. Anyone can become a leader in our communities!

Program Information

Curriculum

The leadership institute program is carefully crafted with two specific yet interrelated topics. The first is leadership and professional growth. Participants will examine key concepts related to leadership and will practice implementation through self-reflection and activity-based exercises. Second, the program will examine the role we play as citizens of our community in key topics such as economic development, government, quality of life, and others. Guest speakers take participants on a journey of these issues by providing critical information for today, as well as how we can be a part of the solution for change in the future. A sample of topics can be found in the “Why Enroll in the Leadership Institute” section.



A Collaborative Role in Our Future

Participants achieve a better understanding of major public policy issues facing St. Lawrence County and its communities; by learning, practicing and improving their leadership skills in a supportive environment; and by gaining access to a diverse network of community leaders.

Pictured left: SLLI Class of 2024

Personal Growth

Inspiring leaders know how to effectively articulate their vision for a preferred future to others. They know their own strengths and weaknesses. SLLI gives participants opportunities to develop and hone skills that guide their relationships with others. A candid self-assessment of one's leadership style, with its advantages and disadvantages, is an important first step in the program.

Class Schedule

Second Wednesday of the month, 4:00-7:45 p.m.

Participants are required to attend all sessions. The attendance policy permits a participant to graduate if they miss up to two classes and complete the required make-up assignments. Anyone who misses more than two classes may make up the sessions in the following year and receive a certificate of completion at that time.