



Board Leadership Program



2026 2027 BLP Application

The Board Leadership Program (BLP) was created by Greater Iowa City, Inc., the Community Foundation of Johnson County, and the United Way of Johnson & Washington Counties. It is a 6-month education series for individuals with professional or volunteer experience, preparing them to serve as confident and effective board members for local nonprofit organizations. Participants receive training and learn about opportunities in the greater Iowa City area.

Selection Criteria

Preference is given to individuals who:

- can attend all sessions and program events
- intend to serve the Johnson County area

All applicants will be notified by August 31, 2026 of the committee's decision.

Tuition

Tuition is \$250 and includes all program fees and materials.

If you are accepted, you will be invoiced for tuition and payment will be due by program orientation on September 23, 2026. Unfortunately, we are unable to refund tuition to those who leave the program early or are disqualified from graduation.

2026 – 2027 Program Schedule

Topic order is subject to change.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
4:00 – 5:30PM

Orientation

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 7:30 – 9:30AM	<i>Board Basics & Governance</i>
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 7:30 – 9:30AM	<i>Nonprofit Finance 101</i>
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 7:30 – 9:30AM	<i>Fundraising</i>
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6 4:00 – 5:00PM	<i>Happy Hour Social</i>
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 7:30 – 9:30AM	<i>Advocacy</i>
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3 7:30 – 9:30AM	<i>Strategic Planning</i>
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7 4:00 – 5:30PM	<i>Graduation</i>
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 TBD	<i>Nonprofit Board Fair</i>

Graduating from BLP demonstrates an understanding of material covered in all sessions. Attendance at all sessions is expected to graduate from BLP. For questions about the attendance policy and scheduling conflicts, email Wendy Nolan at wendy.nolan@unitedwayjwc.org.

Application Instructions

- Submit this completed application at: www.greateriowacity.com/blp-application

Application and all required materials must be received by
Sunday, August 23rd at 4:30 PM

Questions regarding this application may be directed to:
 Wendy Nolan, Director of Volunteer & Community Engagement, United Way of Johnson and
 Washington Counties
wendy.nolan@unitedwayjwc.org (319) 338-7823

Part 1: Information

Last Name	First Name	Preferred First Name	Pronouns
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Email Address

Phone

Part 2: Employment + Education

Your Current Employer Name

Employer Address + Zip Code

Your Position / Title

Professional Skills/Job Responsibilities

Part 3: Experiences + Goals

These can be brief responses (under 150 words).

1) List up to five community, civic, professional, religious, social, athletic, or other activities and organizations that you are or have been affiliated with. If you have served on the board of these organizations, please indicate that with an asterisk (*).

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2) What major accomplishments either in work, military, or volunteer service are you most proud of?

3) What are your goals for enrolling in BLP, and how do you think BLP will influence your ability to serve as a leader or board member?

4) Identify an area of passion and discuss ways you can make an impact or address a challenge/opportunity that aligns with your interest. In what other ways do you believe you can make a difference?

5) What motivates you to serve on a board? What diverse skills, experience, or perspective do you feel that you can contribute to a board position?

6) What, if any, accessibility needs or dietary restrictions should we be aware of to support your full participation in the program?

7) Any additional information you'd like to share?

Part 4: Applicant Agreement

I understand the purpose of the Board Leadership Program and the commitment expected of class members. If selected, I will devote the required time to attend all functions of the program.

If selected to participate in the 2026-2027 Board Leadership Program, I will make arrangements for payment of my tuition by Orientation on September 23, 2026.

Signature

Date

Please keep a copy for your records.