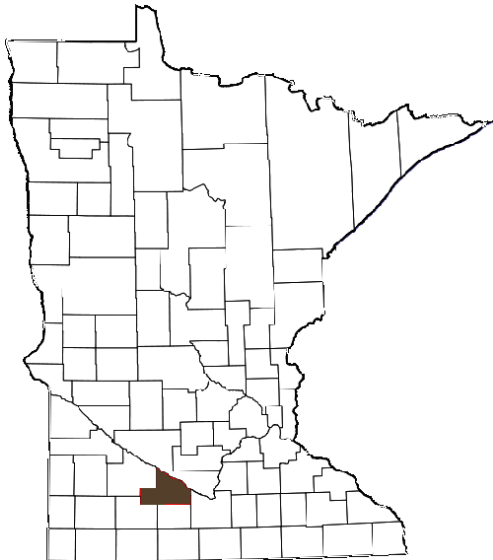


Only 24 Opportunities Available

Applicant Information

- The cost for the program is \$300 which covers all materials, meals, refreshments, bus tours and social events.
- Tuition support may be offered by selected employers as professional development. Please inquire with your employer.
- Scholarships are available to qualifying participants. Please inquire.
- Participants should live or work in Brown County and agree to attend all sessions.
- Acceptance is based on a demonstrated interest in the Brown County area, a desire to better understand and improve leadership skill, interest in future community involvement, the ability to commit the time needed to attend program sessions and representation from diverse groups.
- The deadline for applying is August 25.
- Return completed application to: Bridging Brown County, 115 2nd Ave NE, Sleepy Eye, MN 56085.
- Questions, call 507-794-4733.



Comments by past participants

"I expected to benefit mostly from the leadership training. Growing up in Springfield, I thought I knew all there was to know about our area. I couldn't have been more wrong. Every session opened my eyes to new and interesting things. There is a lot of great stuff happening in our small communities. It was fascinating to uncover them. Tremendous friendships and connections made during the program as well." **Joe Tauer**

"I have thoroughly enjoyed the BBC Leadership Program. There is so much more out there that no one is aware of and this program gives you the opportunity to discover that. Meeting new people and sharing different situations is very helpful. The added bonus is learning more about yourself and how you can use your different characteristics to deal with other people." **Rhonda Meyer**

"Bridging Brown County is a great networking of people from all over Brown County and of a variety of ages. Being one of the older participants, it has been eye opening to learn about what our future generations will be facing and how things we learn and do now will help in shaping the future for Brown County. It is never to late, no mater how old you are, to learn new things and have a fellowship with younger people. Catie has presented some very eye opening sessions and I have learned a lot and hope to continue to keep learning! **DAZ.**

"Bridging Brown County is layered in many opportunities to grow in professional development, deepen the understanding of yourself, network with others and learn more about the county we work or live in. We are so lucky to have this experience in Brown County".

Trista Barka, Sleepy Eye Chamber Director

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Leadership Program

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Bridging Brown County's Mission is to Strengthen the Brown County Community by bridging relationships of understanding and communication.

Value to Employers

- Effective leadership skill development
- Provides networking opportunities
- Offers exposure for your business
- Improves employee's vision for "big picture" thinking

Value to Participants

- Build your network
- Build connections with community leaders and organizations
- Discover hidden gems
- Learn the rich history of our county
- Gain a greater understanding and perspective of the communities and the county.

Meet New People

As a participant, you will:

- Meet a diverse group of people.
- Network with local and regional community leaders
- Build a leadership network to assist you personally and professionally

Mission

The Bridging Brown County Leadership Program is designed to help current and emerging leaders understand the dynamics of the community and the role leadership shares in building healthy communities. This program brings together Brown County residents of diverse backgrounds to share a common commitment to the future growth of this area.

Leadership Program

Serves as an opportunity for community members to network while developing leadership skills and gather knowledge of the trends, challenges and issues that face our communities and Brown County.

Bridging Brown County Leadership Program participants are expected to attend all sessions. If you are unable to make the necessary commitment, it is not in your best interest to apply at this time.

Tuition for the program is \$300.00 per person. This includes all training, transportation, meals and refreshments. We do accept payment plans.

Learn New Skills

Participate in seven professional leadership development seminars led by educators from the University of Minnesota Extension's Center for Community Vitality.

- Understanding Your Personal Leadership Style
 - Committees that Work: Common Traps, Creative Solutions
 - Bridging Generational Trends: Preparing for Tomorrow's Workforce
 - Stimulating Visionary Leadership
 - Navigating Conflict
 - Enhancing Ethical Leadership
 - Improving Your Critical Thinking
- Participants will have the opportunity to practice the skills learned while planning and carrying out the next year's program.

Discover New Places

The program consists of nine sessions. Each session will be held in a different location throughout Brown County—Comfrey, Hanska, New Ulm, Sleepy Eye and Springfield—where you will tour industries, city facilities and unique businesses. In addition, you will have days dedicated to agriculture, government and history.