

Application Request Form

Please send an application for the Broome Leadership Institute to:

Name _____ Phone _____ Fax _____
Business/Organization _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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To receive an application, please detach and return to:

Broome Leadership Institute (\$100 deposit payable to GBEOP)

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Please submit application by 5:00 p.m. August 1

Application forms are also available at the Chamber office in the Metrocenter, Binghamton.

What graduates say about BLI...

"I will never let anyone tell me there is nothing to do in Binghamton. After only a few months, my eyes have been opened to the tremendous resources and activities unique to this area. People constantly dwell on the past and what Binghamton used to be, but BLI has shown me what Binghamton can and will be if leaders in the community take the initiative to make it happen."

Randi M. Goldman, BLI '09, Director of Development, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network

"My eyes, ears, and heart have been opened to amazing people who make this community tick and I have indeed fallen in love with my hometown. I have learned new ways to be involved, witnessed ingenuity that I did not realize existed here, and even learned inspiring stories from our past. I have and will continue to get word out and utilize the gems of our community I discovered through BLI. I am thankful for the connections, friendships and lifelong knowledge this program has instilled in my life."

Annette Snedaker, BLI '11, Pastor/Church Planter, Grace Adventure United Methodist Church

"BLI has created a community of peers you will find nowhere else. It exposes you to organizations and individuals that otherwise you'd never meet."

Laura E. Biasillo, BA, MPP, BLI '09, Agricultural Economic Development Specialist, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County

"Being new to this community, upon my arrival into Broome County I had very few opportunities to build a network of trusted relationships outside of work. Becoming a member of the BLI immediately provided me with countless opportunities to contribute to the community, opened my eyes to the many hidden gems throughout the county, but most importantly, provided at least 20 new, unexpected friendships for which I am truly grateful."

Donna Neary, BLI '10, Director, Quality and Customer Service, Emerson Network Power

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WHAT IS BLI?

Started in 1988, and now celebrating its 25th Anniversary with the BLI Class of 2012, **Broome Leadership Institute** is a GBEOP sponsored program that draws prospective leaders from a cross section of the community. Its purpose is to stimulate these promising individuals to work more effectively within their own spheres of interest and influence and to expand their civic and community activity. It seeks to foster a network of leaders who are committed to understanding and improving the quality of living in our region.

GOALS OF BLI INCLUDE:

1. To deliver programs which touch most major issues of our community, including the discussion of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, and to present a balanced perspective from key individuals and objective observers.
2. To build a network of participants which will expand the range of associations of each member and which will be maintained beyond the duration of the program.
3. To develop and foster a higher level of civic and community concern by participants. To stimulate the interest of participants in civic agencies and community organizations.

BENEFITS:

- Enhanced leadership skills
- A network of community contacts
- Increased understanding and awareness of community issues
- Opportunity to play a key role in efforts to enhance the economic and social development of the area
- New friendships and working relationships

PARTICIPANTS:

Each BLI class is comprised of 20 selected candidates that reflect the diversity of the community and represent a cross section of business, government, education and non-profit organizations. They bring with them varying degrees of volunteer experience and demonstrate an interest in community service. A committee of the BLI Advisory Board will make the selection based on the completed application and interview.

COMMITMENT:

True leaders are serious about their commitments, and with only 20 spaces in the program, commitment to participate fully is essential. **The Orientation Retreat is mandatory and class members must attend 75% or more of all sessions to graduate from the program.** Graduates are encouraged to get involved with community organizations and will be added to our Alumni directory of nearly 400 graduates.

Twelve full-day sessions are held on 1st, 3rd and/or 5th Thursdays from 8:30am through 4:30pm. In addition, class members will participate in a team-building retreat, and class community service project, which should be identified by and presented at the graduation ceremony in March.

TUITION:

Tuition is \$1,250 for Chamber members and \$1,500 for non-members. This covers all costs for meals, materials, supplies, the orientation retreat and graduation. Tuition may be paid by the participant or his/her employer. A limited number of partial scholarships provided by BLI Alumni may be available on a financial need basis. **A deposit of \$100 must accompany the application. (Payable to "GBEOP")**

2011-2012 CALENDAR:

Retreat – September 16 or 23

October 6 and 20
November 3 and 17
December 1 and 15
January 5 and 19
February 2 and 16
March 1 and 15

Graduation - March 22

PROGRAM TOPICS:

- Arts
- Board Development
- Broome County History
- Business and Industry
- Chamber of Commerce
- Community Insight / Current Issues
- Community Service Fair
- Courts and the Penal System
- Human Services & Cultural Diversity
- Education
- Economic Development
- Ethics
- Government
- Leadership
- Health Care
- Media and Communications
- Sports and Recreation

Each session provides a behind the scenes look at our community learning how it works, who makes it work, what problems we face and learning how and where we can help. Sessions are designed to immerse participants in the topic of the day by holding the session at an appropriate site and inviting key people in that topic area to be presenters. Program activities include tours, lecture, discussion, group interaction, and enrichment opportunities.