

# 2026 Leadership Class Application

Developing Confident Leaders for Stronger  
Southwest North Dakota Communities



**The Arena Leaders Program** is an eight-month leadership development initiative designed to cultivate confident, collaborative, and community-centered leaders who strengthen the resilience and vitality of communities across Southwest North Dakota. Through interactive learning sessions, peer collaboration, and hands-on community engagement, participants gain practical leadership skills, confidence, and communication strategies to navigate challenges, drive positive change, and step into leadership roles. The program also builds regional and state awareness, equipping leaders with a deeper understanding of systems, resources, and networks that support informed decision-making and community impact.

## Applicant Information

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title / Role:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization / Employer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City / State / Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What specific skills are you hoping to gain from this program?** *(Brief response – 3–5 sentences)*

**How are you currently involved in your community or organization?** *(Brief response – 3–5 sentences)*

### Reference Information (One Required)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization / Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

I understand the time commitment (monthly sessions, travel, and participation expectations) and will prioritize attendance.

Registration Fee \$800

**Self Funded**

**Sponsor Funded**

### Sponsoring Agency & Submission Information

**Sponsoring Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Deadline: June 15, 2026**

#### **SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO:**

Roosevelt Custer Regional Council  
PO Box 1199  
Bowman, ND 58623  
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For questions, call 701.483.1241

#### **Class size is limited – Apply Today!**

\*The Arena Leaders Program is committed to developing strong, connected, and resilient leaders for the future of Southwest North Dakota. Participants will be selected based on their commitment to their community, interest in leadership development, and willingness to actively engage in the program.