



Holt County's Hometown Leadership Institute – so much more than just a leadership program!

- Learn about the people and places that make living in Holt County great.
- Network with other Holt County residents passionate about living in rural Nebraska.
- Develop partnerships with local leaders and businesses.
- Gain knowledge of different businesses and volunteer opportunities throughout Holt County.
- Develop personal and professional leadership skills.

Hometown Leadership Institute sessions cover the following topics all with a focus on Holt County and life in a rural community:

- Leadership
- Economic Development & Housing
- Local Government
- Agriculture
- Education
- Entrepreneurship
- Health, Wellness, & Human Services
- Community Foundations, Nonprofits & Volunteerism

2027 Hometown Leadership Institute Session Dates:

**Sessions are generally held the second Wednesday of each month, March – October, from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm (hours subject to change and may be extended for travel).*

Tuition for the 2027 Hometown Leadership Institute is \$250.00.

March 10, 2027	July 14, 2027
April 7, 2027*	August 11, 2027
May 12, 2027	September 8, 2027
June 9, 2027	October 13, 2027

Scholarship opportunities may be available to cover tuition.

DEADLINE to submit applications for the 2027 Hometown Leadership Institute is February 26, 2027, or until class capacity is reached. Class size is limited.

Applications can be found at the Holt County Economic Development office at 330 E Hancock St., O'Neill Depot Building, O'Neill, NE 68763 or online at <https://growholt.com/programs-services/hometown-leadership-institute/>. For more information, contact Sonia Fonseca at (402) 336-1504 or sonia@growholt.com.

Application for 2027 Hometown Leadership Institute

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone Number _____ Email _____
Employer/Company Name _____ Phone Number _____
T-shirt size (unisex sizes, circle one) ☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ X-Large ☐ XX-Large
Dietary Restrictions/Food Allergies: _____
Have you taken the CliftonStrengths Assessment (formerly Clifton StrengthsFinder)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If so, when? _____

Photo/Name Release

I, _____ give permission to use my name/image in publications, ads, news articles, videos, websites, or other electronic media pertaining to the Hometown Leadership Institute.

Please Print Your Name

Commitment

Signature

Submitting your application for the Hometown Leadership Institute states you are fully aware of the time commitment associated with this course. You must attend one full-day session each month from March to October. Please be advised that only one excused absence is permissible. Any additional absences will render the completion of the program uncertain.

Tuition fee for the 2027 Hometown Leadership Institute is \$250.00. Checks can be made payable to Hometown Leadership Institute. This cost covers 8 full day sessions, lunches, and t-shirts. Payment is due before March 10th. Tuition is non-refundable. An invoice can be sent if needed.

Applicants for the Hometown Leadership Institute must have the support and commitment of their employer. Your employer's signature is necessary as an indication of support of the leadership program.

Employer's Signature _____ Title _____

"By submitting this application, I understand the purpose and commitment of the Hometown Leadership Institute. If I am accepted as a participant, I will devote the time and energy necessary to make it a successful experience."

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Please submit your application by February 26, 2027, to:

Holt County Economic Development

PO Box 543, O'Neill, NE 68763

Phone: (402) 336-1504

Email: sonia@growholt.com

