



**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

**2025 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).*

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| March 12, 2025 | July 16, 2025      |
| April 9, 2025  | August 13, 2025    |
| May 7, 2025*   | September 10, 2025 |
| June 11, 2025  | October 8, 2025    |

***Tuition for the 2025 HomeTown Leadership Institute is \$200.00.  
Scholarship opportunities may be available to cover tuition.***

**DEADLINE to submit applications for the 2025 HomeTown Leadership Institute is March 1, 2025 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 Mike Peterson at (402) 336-1504 or Mike@GrowHolt.com.

## Application for 2025 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 Clifton Strengths Assessment (formerly Clifton Strengths Finder)?    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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

### Commitment

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 2025 HomeTown Leadership Institute is \$200.00. 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 12th. 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 March 1, 2025 to:

Holt County Economic Development  
PO Box 543, O'Neill, NE 68763  
Phone: (402) 336-1504  
Email: Mike@GrowHolt.com

