



Poweshiek Leadership Program Goals

- Build a network of emerging leaders from diverse backgrounds, skillsets, and perspectives
- Increase knowledge and understanding of Poweshiek County resources and challenges
- Create informed leaders motivated to invest their leadership skills back into their communities

“The PLP program is a great way to learn more about other companies and volunteer organizations in our area. The generosity of the businesses, business leaders, and the community in the Poweshiek County area is largely unmatched. The PLP Program is a great start to learn more about that.”

Michael Garman, Class of 2025

Application and Selection

Applicants selected for a PLP class represent a dynamic cross-section of the county who bring diverse strengths and a strong desire to learn, grow, and give back to Poweshiek County.

Sponsorship by an employer or organization is encouraged, but not required. For non-sponsored applicants, professional references are required with the application.

A limited number of partial scholarships may be awarded.

Applicants selected to join the current class will be notified by **September 5, 2025**

Tuition and Deadlines

\$350 if registered by August 22

\$400 after August 22

Applications accepted until September 4

PLP Advisory Council

Alathia Andera
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PLP Facilitators for 2025-26

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POWESHIEK LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



2025-2026

A leadership program founded by
Imagine Grinnell
Iowa Valley Continuing Education
Poweshiek Economic Development
Poweshiek County Extension

Facilitated by



**Greater Poweshiek
Community Foundation**

We Grow Community Through Giving



“One of the most valuable aspects of this program is the opportunity to build relationships, to connect in meaningful ways with many people.”

Bub Hurst, Class of 2025



PLP Learning Objectives

Team Building and Networking

Build lasting relationships with class members from a variety of businesses and organizations across the county. Learn more about each community in Poweshiek County and the wealth of resources in each.

Our Agriculture Economy

Get up close and personal perspectives about what drives agriculture in the county and what affects the industry as a whole. Meet small local producers and large operations too.

Navigating Community Resources

Participate in experiential learning activities that will expand your understanding of local services available and how access is coordinated locally, regionally, and statewide. Gain a deeper understanding of socioeconomic challenges facing our community members.

We the People

Be in the room where it happens to experience state government and how local leaders can impact future decisions. Class will debate an assigned topic on the House floor. This session will be at the Capitol in Des Moines.

Local Government

Meet a variety of governing officials and learn how their jobs and decisions influence the lives of our local and county citizens. You will learn about our county government and how it impacts you.

Nonprofit Leadership and Growth

Learn about nonprofits as economic engines, community problem-solvers, and influential fundraisers for a variety of issues facing our county. Discover how volunteer leadership drives organizations' success.

Economic Development

Discover some of the many facets of economic development including skilled workforce development and the ins and outs of growing a business in Poweshiek County.

Education

Learn more about the complex matter of education from birth to adulthood. We'll cover educational opportunities for our littlest residents to our emerging workforce and beyond.

Golfing for a Cause

Join a long history of PLP classes that have hosted a successful fundraising golf event to raise funds for local causes and future PLP classes. Class members work together in teams to organize and implement the outing.

Onward and Upward, Leader!

Successful participants will complete the course with self-reflections, course feedback, personal goal-setting and a celebratory graduation ceremony.

Session Schedule

Sessions are hosted monthly
September through May, typically on
Thursdays or Fridays in the third
week of the month.

Golf Tournament is scheduled for
May 1, 2026

We The People session will be on a
Tuesday in November or December
depending on availability at the Capitol.