

Greater Green Bay Teen Leadership is a program of the Workforce Development department at the Greater Green Bay Chamber. Our mission is to build and strengthen emerging young leaders with skills, knowledge, and experiences that prepare them to be effective partners for positive change in the Greater Green Bay area. We hope to accomplish this through monthly leadership training sessions to engage learning, discussion, and practice of leadership skills and lessons about local community initiatives. The student leaders also work in groups to complete a leadership project, which is required to complete the program.



The program begins with a rigorous application process. Students accepted into the program have demonstrated a strong passion for bettering their leadership skills as well as their community. Each year, students will experience many different aspects of Green Bay, and have the opportunity of speaking to elected officials, business CEO's, non-profit managers, members of law enforcement, and many more community leaders to hear some of the many leadership stories. The obstacles which these speakers have overcome and the inventive ways they accomplished their tasks are inspiring and will help the students through the program.

Greater Green Bay Teen Leadership is a program based on the *Student Leadership Challenge* book that was handed out to the students at the beginning of our sessions. This book stresses the importance of the five practices of exemplary leadership. In order to be an effective leader, the students must learn to use these practices every day.

- Model the Way
- Inspire a Shared Vision
- Challenge the Process
- Enable Others to Act
- Encourage the Heart

Teen Leaders have conquered challenges by working together with community leaders, school administration, and local nonprofits to address topics such as bullying, drug and alcohol abuse, school culture, celebrating all abilities, and more based on their passions and collective assessment of the leadership opportunities present in our community. We are confident that this year will be able to do the same!

Greater Green Bay Teen Leadership began as a Leadership Green Bay class of 1999 project called Teen Leadership Green Bay. Leadership Green Bay is also a program of the chamber which focuses on five practices and ten commitments of exemplary leadership. The team that developed what is now Greater Green Bay Teen Leadership program had a mission to develop and implement a three-day workshop for Green Bay teens that focuses on cultivating personal, group and community leadership skills. The workshop consisted of three consecutive full day sessions. The goals of the workshop were to focus on the development of personal leadership skills by helping participants identify the various characteristics that make effective leaders and to



express the importance of team building in order to promote cooperation, trust and confidence among group members. The first workshop was held on July 17, 18, and 19, 1998 at the F. K. Bemis International Center located on the St. Norbert College campus.

After its creation and adoption by the Greater Green Bay Chamber, Greater Green Bay Teen Leadership developed into a class that still teaches leadership skills but does so over a period of nine session days throughout the school year. Between the class of 2017 and 2018, a name change from Brown County Teen Leadership to Greater Green Bay Teen Leadership was warranted because of the expanding reach of the program. The program has over doubled its size since its creation and continues to grow each year. In fact, the number of Greater Green Bay Teen Leadership participants has doubled from the class 2002 (24 participants) to the soon to be class of 2019 (49 participants from 12 different schools).

Thank you again for your consideration of Greater Green Bay Teen Leadership! We look forward to a great year helping our emerging young leaders along their journey.

