

# Lead Forward Leadership Cohort

The Lead Forward Leadership Cohort is a dynamic 7-month experience designed to equip young professionals with the mindset, skills, and confidence to lead with impact. Built on the foundation of personal growth and values-driven leadership, this immersive program blends expert-led workshops, hands-on learning, and one-on-one mentorship to help you unlock your full leadership potential. Facilitated by certified John Maxwell Trainer **Darius Elder**, each monthly session offers high impact training, real-world application, and meaningful networking opportunities. Whether you're aiming to lead within your organization, your community, or both this program is your launchpad. If you're ready to invest in yourself, expand your influence, and rise to the challenge of leadership, this is your moment.

Throughout this 7-month journey, you'll engage in interactive workshops, guided discussions, and hands-on activities centered around some of John Maxwell's most influential leadership resources.

- The 15 Invaluable Laws of Growth: Learn to be intentional about your personal development. Discover the power of your potential and how to become a lifelong student of growth.
- Developing the Leader Within You 2.0: Explore the definition, core principles, and essential qualities of strong leadership. Gain tools for leading with heart, expanding your capacity, and passing the leadership test.
- The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership: Understand the timeless laws that govern leadership. Learn how to live by these principles and influence others to do the same.

## Interactive Tools & Assessments

- Maxwell DISC Personality Assessment & Report
- Leadership Values Card Sort
- Exclusive Maxwell Masterclass Resources

## Peer Learning & Mentorship

- Monthly in-person workshops with Darius Elder, certified John Maxwell trainer
- Leadership coaching through group activities and discussion

All cohort members will collaborate on a collective service project as a capstone experience. This project will allow participants to apply their leadership skills in real time while making a tangible impact in the community.

**Tuition** is \$1,000 per participant. Upon being selected, participants will receive invoices from the Douglas County Chamber.

## Application & Selection Timeline:

- Applications Open: July 15, 2025
- Applications Close: August 29, 2025
- Selection Notifications Sent: September 11, 2025

**Please see next page for Cohort Meeting Dates**

**Cohort Schedule (Second Thursdays):**

Kickoff: Thursday, October 9, 2025

Workshop 1: Thursday, November 6, 2025 (Adjusted Date, First Thursday)

Workshop 2: Thursday, December 11, 2025

Workshop 3: Thursday, January 8, 2026

Workshop 4: Thursday, February 12, 2026

Workshop 5: Thursday, March 13, 2026

Workshop 6: Thursday, April 10, 2026

Workshop 7: Thursday, May 8, 2026

Cohort Dinner: Thursday, June 12, 2026