

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

PROGRAM

2026

Creating a network of willing, knowledgeable, and committed leaders to step up and make a difference in their community!

PROGRAM PURPOSE

To improve the quality of life of communities by developing more civically engaged leaders with the knowledge, skills, commitment and connections to advance positive change.

OBJECTIVES

1. Open door to community opportunities.
2. Increase number, quality and diversity of leaders involved in public, non-profit boards/committees and/or volunteer efforts.
3. Build leadership knowledge and skills to understand and address important community issues and opportunities.
4. Connect current and emerging leaders.

TOPICS

Introduction to Community Leadership
Personality Strengths
Managing Conflict

Interpersonal Communication
Economic Development and Quality of Place

Education and Workforce Development
Local Government
Branding/Tourism

Non-profit Boards

Effective Meetings (and more!)

SESSION DATES

The program consists of nine, daylong sessions (8:30-4 p.m.). Lunch is provided.

March 25 April 15

May 20 June 17

July 17 August 19

September 16 October 16*

November 18

December 9 (graduation)

*subject to change

COST

\$400

Consider asking your employer or non-profit to sponsor your tuition.

Need based scholarships are available.

APPLICATION

Applications are available online at <https://occf-in.org/resources>.

Applications are due by: **2/13/2026**. You will receive a confirmation letter the week of February 23rd with further program details upon review of your application and receipt of program fee.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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