



Mission:

The Emerge Owensboro Program is a joint program of the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation focused on educating and engaging individuals to reach their potential and maximize their impact in the community. Emerge Owensboro will expose participants to a variety of Greater Owensboro topics and issues as well as teach leadership skills and applications. The region is at a crossroads of opportunity and challenges, and participants will learn how they can play a role and gain foresight and initiative.

Objectives of the Program:

Improve the quality of life in the Greater Owensboro region through training leaders

Identify key individuals with demonstrated leadership qualities and concern for Owensboro's future

Develop a systematic educational program to familiarize these participants with our community's opportunities, needs, problems and resources

Expose participants to a wide variety of current local leaders and notable persons through various types of networking opportunities

Encouraging independent thinking, fresh perspectives, and approaches

Acquaintance with relevant community issues, their history, and future possibilities

Expectations:

As a participant in the Emerge Owensboro program it is expected that you attend every scheduled session. Full participation is best in order to get the most out of the activities included in the program. Each class member must attend at least 80% of the scheduled sessions in order to graduate from the program. This means you may not miss more than two sessions. You will also be required to complete assignments as well as attend certain community meetings and events outside of the scheduled class dates.

Class Dates/Times:

The 2011-2012 Emerge Owensboro program will begin with a full-day session on **Thursday, September 8, 2011** in Owensboro. Attendance at this opening session is **mandatory**. *If you cannot make this class, do not apply for Emerge Owensboro this year.* Most class sessions will be held on the second Thursday of each month through April, 2012 with graduation held at the May 3, 2012 Rooster Booster Breakfast. Class days will vary between half-day and full-day sessions. Please see the tentative schedule below. It is anticipated the class will take a full day trip to Frankfort, KY in February.

- Thursday, September 1, 2011 – 2012 Emerge Owensboro class will be recognized at Rooster Booster (7:30 a.m. at Owensboro Christian Church)
- Thursday, September 8, 2011 – **Opening session**
7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, October 13, 2011 – **Human Needs and Services**
7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- October luncheon – Date and Time TBD
- Thursday, November 10, 2011 – **Education in our Community**
7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Thursday, December 8, 2011 – **Innovation & Growth**
7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, January 5, 2012 – **Issues in local Government**
7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, January 19, 2012 – **Healthcare**
7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- February – Travel to Frankfort state capital (Date TBD)
- Thursday, March 8, 2012 – **Crime, Drugs, and Jails**
7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 12, 2012 – **Arts in our Community**
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Thursday, April 26, 2012 – **Changing Your Community (class presentations)**
12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 3, 2012 – **Emerge Owensboro Graduation**
7:30 a.m.

***The list of dates above is a tentative schedule for the 2012 Emerge Owensboro program. Meeting dates, times and locations may change due to weather or other unforeseen issues. Emerge staff will send confirmation emails and reminders for each class session at least one week prior to the meeting date.