

Members of this committee are an elite group of business professionals between the ages of 21 and 39 who volunteer to assist the Chamber Board and Chamber staff by providing support fostering the engagement of member business young professionals in the Leawood Chamber. These young professionals will be our future business leaders, and their engagement in the health and growth of the Chamber is crucial.

Young Professionals (YP) Steering Committee members provide public relations support for Chamber member events, making sure there is appropriate Chamber representation at all Chamber sponsored Young Professionals events, as well as other important Chamber events.

YP Steering Committee members exhibit the highest degree of professionalism, knowledge and integrity and help fellow young professionals become acclimated to Leawood Chamber culture.

The YP Steering Committee's goal is to assist in increasing participation and engagement of young professional employees of member businesses by engaging with them at events, reinforcing the benefits of Chamber membership, increasing member's knowledge about programs and services of the Leawood Chamber, and keeping the channels of communications open between the membership, the Chamber Staff, and the Chamber's Board of Directors.

Benefits of being a Leawood Young Professionals Steering Committee member

- Gain visibility for you and your business
- Build and strengthen relationships with other Chamber members
- Expand your base of contacts and clients
- Reinforce your role in the business community as a volunteer leader
- Provides flexibility of volunteer responsibility to fit your schedule
- Allows you to become better acquainted with Chamber services

To qualify to apply and apply to become a member of the YP Steering Committee, an individual must:

1. Be employed by or represent a Chamber member in good standing for at least 90 days. The member must have been a member of the Chamber for at least 6 months. The 90 day requirement may be waived if you have worked for another Chamber member that is in good standing for at least 90 days in the past 12 months.
2. Complete an application for YP Steering Committee membership and submit it by December 1 each year to the Chamber's YP Steering Committee staff liaison.
3. Submit an executed CHAMBER YOUNG PROFESSIONALS STEERING COMMITTEE COMMITMENT, ETHICAL STANDARDS AND CORE COMPETENCIES AGREEMENT at the time of application.
4. Be in a role in their organization that involves significant public exposure and allows freedom to devote the time necessary to contribute to and participate actively in Young Professionals activities.

YP Steering Committee terms are for one calendar year, and reapplication is required each year.

YP Steering Committee Membership Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by the Board Chair, Chamber President, Chamber YP Steering Committee staff liaison, the Board Liaison to the YP Steering Committee, and the current YP Steering Committee Chair. A majority vote of this body will then allow the application to be forwarded to the full Board for approval at their regular December meeting.