The Core Program brings together a group of diverse, influential leaders from around the state for an educational and inspirational experience that is unlike any other.

**The Program**

Leadership New Mexico’s Core Program is ten months in duration, each session is designed to address current issues facing the state. Each program session features speakers who are acknowledged leaders in their specific fields, while program participants actively engage in discussion and debate. The process offers an opportunity for inquiry, analysis, and development of solutions to the most pressing issues facing our communities and the state.

Core Program sessions are held in communities all over the state, exposing participants to different regions of New Mexico and the local issues important in each region. In addition, program participants experience the unique culture of each community, weaving a broad-based and comprehensive understanding of the challenges facing such a multicultural and diverse state.

Each program year includes a two-day retreat and orientation, followed by educational sessions on topics such as:

- **Health and Human Services**
- **Economic Development**
- **Education**
- **Environment and Natural Resources**
- **Government, Crime and Justice, and Leadership**

**Recruitment & Selection**

The Core Program is open to all citizens of the state. Leadership New Mexico selects a class each year of 40-45 leaders who represent a cross-section of the various geographic regions of the state from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Special consideration is given to ensure diversity of race, gender, and occupational background.

**Tuition**

Tuition for the Core Program is $3,500 and covers all program costs, transportation during sessions, and meals. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to the session locations and hotel accommodations. A limited number of scholarships are available for those requiring financial assistance. A request for scholarship assistance does not affect selection into the program.

**2020-2021 Dates & Locations**

- **SEPTEMBER 9 – 11, 2020** | Santa Fe
- **NOVEMBER 5 – 7, 2020** | Los Alamos
- **JANUARY 7 – 9, 2021** | Las Cruces
- **MARCH 25 – 27, 2021** | Hobbs
- **MAY 20 – 22, 2021** | Farmington
- **JUNE 8 – 11, 2021** | Taos

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