

# About Step Up to Leadership

Step Up to Leadership, an award-winning leadership training program, offers individuals who want to make a difference the opportunity to learn what it takes to serve on nonprofit boards, become active in community projects, volunteer for charitable causes and empower others to succeed. It is available in Stone and Taney County through a partnership between Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation, University of Missouri Extension and Missouri Small Business Development Centers.

## Target participants:

Low-income people  
People with a passion, who want to make a difference  
People who are willing to assume the responsibilities of board membership  
People who want to feel more knowledgeable and effective in a board setting  
People who want to take on the challenge of leadership

Area board members: low-income  
Head Start parents  
Agency clients  
Tenant group members  
College students  
Members of new collaborations  
Neighborhood Watch group members

## How many participants do we look for?

We usually like to end up with at least 16 participants, 8 from Stone County and 8 from Taney County.  
Twenty is the *maximum* number to be accepted.

## Time frame and logistics: 12 Sessions; 3 hours each

Dates & Hours: TBA

## Incentives:

- Cash stipends are given at the end of each meeting and are tracked by a stipend form. The stipend covers the cost of transportation and child care for the participant.
- Graduates of the program are eligible to apply for a \$100-500 mini-grant to support a project they are passionate about in the community. Applications are reviewed for consistency with OACAC's mission and values.