



Class of 2024 Now Forming!

Since 1991, almost 800 area leaders have graduated from the Monroe County Leadership Monroe program. These graduates represent many area businesses and/or service organizations throughout Monroe County and the Region.

About Leadership Monroe

The Leadership Monroe program is designed to empower, educate, and equip people to serve our community through a dynamic program that is rooted in experiential learning, encouraging self-discovery, and fostering relationships through the monthly sessions. The LM program is a nationally recognized nine-month program created to develop and promote leadership within our community.

Each class size is approximately 20-participants. We begin the journey with an evening orientation on Thursday September 7, 2023, and then the adventure kicks off officially with a camp style retreat. The dates of this retreat are September 14-16, 2023. Participants will leave Monroe on Thursday September 14, 2023, at 5:00 pm and head to Camp Desales in Brooklyn, MI. You can view the retreat center by visiting <https://www.desales.org/retreat-center/>. You will return on Saturday around 1:30 pm (transportation is provided both ways by bus).

Starting in October the class meets one day a month on the second Tuesday of each month. You can find the calendar on the website at <https://www.monroecountychamber.com/leadership-monroe/>.

During the monthly classes, we will be exploring the core of our community with sessions focused on economic development, our educational systems, health and human services, key non-profit organizations and visiting various businesses both large and small throughout Monroe County. Leadership principles are built into the curriculum of each monthly session.

What is the cost to participate in the Leadership Monroe program?

The tuition fee is \$1,995 for the class. In many cases, the participant's employer pays for the tuition costs, so applicants may want to inquire if this is an option for them. There is a deposit required of \$500 upon acceptance of your application. The balance is due prior to orientation on September 7, 2023. Should you wish to arrange a payment plan or seek financial assistance through potential scholarships, inquiries may be sent to Miklyn at mhalcomb@mcbusinessalliance.org.

More Info? Contact Shelley Taylor (Team Solutions), Program Manager for Leadership Monroe
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What are the benefits to the employer?

The program offers real world education in leadership by exposure to key leaders within our community. It reinforces the importance of teamwork and provides an opportunity to help your staff become involved with our community. There will be many networking opportunities with other businesses and organizations, and it shows your support of leadership development in our community by providing your key employees the opportunity to gain experience about the needs/issues in Monroe County. The monthly classes are held locally in Monroe County.

Deadline for applications

Applications are due as soon as possible. The class size is limited to 20 participants, Applications will be reviewed in the first two weeks of August. You can find application information at <https://www.monroecountychamber.com/leadership-monroe/>. Applications are to be submitted to mhalcomb@mcbusinessalliance.org.

Testimonials

I was fortunate enough to participate in Leadership Monroe when I was first starting my professional career. Kicking off my career with this exceptional leadership and networking program was an incredible gift that has left an indelible mark on both my personal and professional growth. The program goes above and beyond to foster a strong sense of camaraderie between participants and builds relationships that can last decades. It also helped me develop a strong level of understanding and respect for the organizations and businesses that operate within Monroe County. This knowledge has proven invaluable in my position at a community-focused organization.

... Kate Hall, Monroe Community Credit Union

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Come prepared to learn, be challenged and make new friends. You will see Monroe County from a unique perspective.

... Shelley Taylor, Team Solutions

As a transplant to Monroe County, I was shocked by how much I learned through Leadership Monroe (class of 17-18). The things I learned about myself and my learning/leading style have helped me to grow my business, interact better with colleagues and employees, and become a better person. The retreat was an amazing experience, where I was immersed in learning about me, and my group, at a visceral level. The monthly interactions taught me so much about my community, so many things I didn't know existed, and helped me find connections that I never would have known were available to me. I say this as an "outsider," someone "new" to Monroe but, I saw the same reactions by Monroe County lifers. Not only was I able to connect on a professional level with my class, so many friendships grew out of that shared experience. It's almost impossible to put in to words the incredible value of this program.

... Chip Williams, Williams Insurance Agency

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