



The Leadership Program is a comprehensive program provided by the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce as a forum for potential and current leaders.

Goals of the Program

- Identify and motivate current and potential leaders.
- Acquaint participants with community needs and problems while identifying ways to effect change.
- Provide participants with an opportunity to meet present leaders and learn about their business practices.
- Develop personal leadership skills in order to maximize contributions to employers, organizations and the community.
- Create an ongoing forum for participants to gather and exchange ideas.

2017/2018 Program Schedule

Application Deadline: July 25, 2017

Orientation & Retreat: September 14 & 15, 2017

Closing Program: May 16, 2018

Program Topics:

- **Natural Resource Day: October 18, 2017**
- **Education Day: November 15, 2017**
- **Healthcare Day: December 13, 2017**
- **Industrial Day: January 17, 2018**
- **Government/Justice Day: February 21, 2018**
- **Tribal Day: March 21, 2018**
- **Art & History Day: April 18, 2018**

The class members are also expected to participate in the Community Service Project and encouraged to attend Chamber events (Annual Meeting & Business Awards Dinner, Monthly Business After Hours, etc.)

Additional Information:

- Program length, September – May.
- Class size will be limited to 20 participants.
- Cost is \$1,200 per participant.
- Applications will require employer and employee's signature, so both parties are in agreement with the requirements and the time commitment of the program. The class will meet at various locations throughout Manistee County.



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**2017-2018
Program Application**

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PROGRAM APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION *(Please Print)*

Name _____
Last First Middle

Business Name _____

Home Address:
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Fax _____
Email _____

Business Address:
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Fax _____
Email _____

REFERENCES

Name/Title _____
Business or Home Address _____ Phone _____
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Business or Home Address _____ Phone _____
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ATTENDANCE

The Manistee County Leadership Program is a 9 month program commitment, including the orientation retreat, community project and closing retreat. Sessions will be held at various sites throughout Manistee County. Attendance is critical to the success of the program. Prompt attendance at the orientation retreat and all monthly sessions is required for membership. Absenteeism may result in being dropped from the program. **If you are unable to make a full commitment, it is not in your best interest to apply at this time.**

Given the time commitment for participation, do you have your employer's full support? Yes No

Supervisor Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

If no, please explain your plan for participation: _____

TUITION AND FUNDING

Tuition for the Manistee County Leadership Program is \$1,200 per person. This tuition can be paid by the candidate or his/her organization.

Send applications and make checks payable to:
Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce
11 Cypress Street
Manistee MI 49660

All applicants are subject to confidential evaluation. Because the program has a limited number of participants, if you are not selected for the current program you are encouraged to apply again.

1. Your background.

2. What are your reasons for desiring to participate in the Leadership Program?

3. How do you feel you can contribute to the program?

4. What are the three greatest problems you perceive facing Manistee County and what are your recommendations for solutions?

5. Special honors or awards for leadership activities.

6. List Any Food Allergies.



PURPOSE

The Manistee County Leadership Program is a comprehensive program provided by the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce as a forum for potential and current leaders to develop leadership skills and gather an awareness of trends, challenges and issues that face Manistee County.

GOALS

- Identify and motivate potential leaders.
- Acquaint potential leaders with community needs and problems while identifying ways of effecting change.
- Give potential leaders an opportunity to meet present leaders, associate in a meaningful way with their peers, and become motivated to greater involvement.
- Develop personal leadership skills in order to maximize contributions to employers, organizations and the community.
- Create an ongoing forum for participants to gather and exchange ideas.

CRITERIA

Participants must live or work in Manistee County and surrounding area and agree to attend the orientation retreat, all monthly sessions, participate in the community project and the closing retreat.

Acceptance is based on:

- A demonstrated commitment to the area.
- A demonstrated desire to better understand and improve leadership skills.
- Interest in future community involvement.
- Ability to commit a minimum of 8 hours a month to the program.



Participation Acknowledgement

As a member of the 2017-2018 Manistee County Leadership Class, I understand that attendance at all scheduled sessions is critical, because my participation is essential to the program's success. Mandatory attendance is expected at the opening retreat and closing retreat.

In the event that I am unable to attend a session, notification will be given to the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce. The missed session will be "made up" within 14 days with a designated assignment (i.e. field trip options and/or written report.) Should I happen to miss more than one session, I will then make up the necessary session(s) the following year at which time I will receive my completion certificate.

I have reviewed with my employer the program schedule and the commitment of participating in this year's program. Permission to be absent from work on all scheduled dates has been granted.

It is understood that no portion of the program tuition fee is refundable or transferable. It is further understood that as a member of the Manistee County Leadership Class, I represent both my place of business and the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce, my attitude and conduct will reflect this at all times.

Cell phones and all electronic devices are an interruption to the program sessions and therefore, usage is limited. You may use your cell phone to take photos.

The success of the class is dependent upon my total commitment; therefore, tardiness and early departure from the day sessions are highly discouraged. Exceptions must first be approved.

Leadership Class Participant

Date

Participant's Employer

Date

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