Leadership Monroe Information

Leadership Monroe is presented through the Monroe County Business Alliance (MCBA). Since 1991, almost 800 area leaders have graduated from this program, representing many area businesses and/or service organizations throughout Monroe County.

About Leadership Monroe

The Leadership Monroe (LM) 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 nurture and promote leadership within our community.

Each Leadership Monroe class includes approximately 30 participants. The program begins with an evening orientation on Thursday, August 27, 2026. The official kickoff follows with a camp-style retreat held September 10–12. Participants will depart Monroe on Thursday, September 10, for Camp DeSales in Brooklyn, MI, and will return on Saturday at approximately 1:30 p.m. Transportation is provided both ways via bus. You can learn more about the retreat center at https://www.desales.org/retreat-center/.

Beginning in October, the class meets one full day each month, always on the second Thursday. The full program calendar is available on the MCBA website at
https://shorturl.at/C9AZJ

The class will explore the core elements of our community through sessions focused on economic development, our educational systems, health and human services, and nonprofit initiatives. Participants will also visit key businesses, both large and small, throughout Monroe County. Last year, the curriculum was enhanced to incorporate leadership principles into each monthly session, further strengthening the program's impact.

Cost of Participation in LM Program

The tuition fee for the program is $1,995 per participant. In many cases, employers cover this cost, so please check whether this option is available to you. A $500 deposit is required upon acceptance of your application and must be submitted to the MCBA prior to the August 27 orientation. Financial assistance may be available through program scholarships. To apply, visit:
https://forms.office.com/r/fT3DAFUEkj

For more info, contact Shelley Taylor from Team Solutions, Leadership Monroe Program Coordinator (leadershipmonroe@mcbusinessalliance.org or 734-735-1094)

Leadership Monroe's greatest strengths are the meaningful connections participants build and the deeper understanding they gain of our community. Monroe County thrives on partnership, and positive leadership strengthens those ties even more, come see what this "Best Class" is all about!

Benefits to Employer

The program provides valuable exposure to community leaders and offers your staff meaningful opportunities to become more engaged in our community. Participants will benefit from extensive networking with local businesses and organizations, while your support demonstrates a commitment to leadership development in Monroe County. The program also helps participants gain insight into the county's needs and challenges. All classes are conveniently held here in Monroe County.

Application Deadline

Applications should be submitted as soon as possible.

Once completed, please email to leadershipmonroe@mcbusinessalliance.org.

Please note that Floral City Images will be present at orientation to provide professional headshots at no additional cost.

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

Alumni Testimonials About Leadership Monroe

"My experience with Leadership Monroe is one of the most memorable of my lifetime!"

"I have found LM to be more than a learning experience, but rather a life experience."

"Leadership Monroe has provided me an opportunity to meet new people, make lifelong friends and become active in my business."

"I'm so glad I participated in this program. I have lived in Monroe for 12 years; I can't believe how much I learned about the community I live in."

"I highly recommend this program to professionals; you will learn so much. I have built so many relationships."

"I graduated from XXXX, from the BEST CLASS EVER!"

"If you want to get involved in the community, participate in Leadership Monroe."

"Leadership Monroe is different from other programs I've participated in, our class has connected in a way that will last a lifetime."

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