

## COST OF PROGRAM

**\$1,000 per person**

**\*\* Class size is limited, so register early\*\***

## Make checks payable to:

The Somerset County Foundation  
a 501(C)3 Corporation

Contact the Chamber Office for an Application.  
Available on our website under Foundation.

## Sponsoring Businesses

Over 50 businesses and organizations have supported Leadership Somerset County. Since its inception in 2003, by sponsoring members of their staff to attend the class.

## Why Sponsor?

Nurturing new leadership in the county and region is essential for success, now and in the future, and Leadership Somerset County has played a proven role in the development of these new leaders.

Donations for scholarships and operating expenses are essential for the program to continue as we ask for your help on keeping Leadership Somerset County alive.

## Mission Statement

Leadership Somerset County is a civically minded program designed to promote awareness and generate interest in serving the community as leaders.

## The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce proudly presents

The Leadership Somerset County program. The leaders of tomorrow need opportunities to both enhance and encourage their participation in making Somerset County a better place to live. Leadership Somerset County is designed to bring together a diverse group of individuals who share a common goal of becoming leaders prepared to face future challenges - thereby ensuring that Somerset County is led by able, resourceful, and vigorous individuals, both now and in the future.

“Leadership is not about being in charge, it is about taking care of those in your charge.”

*-Simon Sinek*



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**EST. 2003**

**Registration for 2025/2026  
NOW OPEN!**



Leadership class 2024/2025

**CLASSES BEGIN  
SEPTEMBER  
2025!**

## Leadership Programs

The 10-month Program begins in September with a retreat focusing on networking, team building, and leadership skills.

This important opening session sets the tone for the class.

Participants must attend 80% of these sessions and complete a group community service project to receive a certificate at graduation in June.

## Objectives

Encourage and nurture a new pool of leaders for Somerset County

Increase participants' knowledge of leadership elements, including problem solving, consensus building and decision making

Provide participants with the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with community leaders

Inform and expose participants to various facets of community life

Motivate participants to assume leadership roles in community affairs

Receive training that will help develop and enhance leadership skills

Understand the problems and opportunities we face in deciding our future

## Testimonials

"The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce Leadership program was an excellent experience that provided me with valuable insight into the challenges and opportunities of the area. It provided me with a great chance to connect and work with likeminded individuals who will be the next leaders of Somerset County. I would encourage anyone looking for an opportunity to help shape the future of the area to participate in this program and to learn where they can use their skills to help the community."

*-Gabe Vinzani*

"Personally, my time spent in the Leadership Program was invaluable. I've learned things, made connections, and friendships that will last a lifetime. The connection and camaraderie in my team is undeniable and I look forward to continuing to work with my team, even after the program's conclusion. This program is a confluence of education and practical skills that result in an improved level of self-confidence and drive. I would recommend this program to anyone that is driven, enthusiastic, and willing to learn."

*-Isaac Knotter*

*Find out more by contacting any of these Leadership Alumni:*

Emaline Diehl, Class of 2006 - 443-9200  
JoAlyce Kopinski, Class of 2008 - 443-9200  
Angi Tennant, Class of 2015 - 304-312-0044  
Christopher Robbins, Class of 2016 - 445-7948  
Kayla Johnston, Class of 2022 - 814-289-7395  
Taryn Miller, Class of 2023 - 814-445-1530

## Sessions

- Economic Development
- Education & Workforce Development
- Healthcare
- Human Services / Community Non-profits / Civic Engagement
- Agriculture, Energy & Natural Resources
- Business Development & Entrepreneurism
- The Judicial System & Local Government
- Our Heritage - Quality of Life
- Regional Leadership
- Retreat

## Available Options for your Tax Deductible Donation

- Create a scholarship in your own name or a loved one's name to be awarded yearly to an attendee
- Donate to the capital fund and take advantage of the tax deduction
- Create a scholarship in your business or organization's name
- Donate knowing that you are making an impact on the future of Somerset County
- Sponsor someone in the current class

No donation is too small or too large. Please contact the Somerset County Chamber for additional information on Leadership Somerset County and find out how you can support the program. Your donation will make an impact!