



# Class of 2026 Now Forming!

Leadership Monroe is presented through The Monroe County Business Alliance. 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 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 class size is approximately 30 participants. The class meets with an evening orientation on Thursday September 4, 2025, and then kicks off officially with a camp style retreat. The dates of this retreat are September 11-13th, 2025. Participants will leave Monroe on Thursday September 11, 2025, and head to Camp DeSales in Brooklyn, MI. You can view the retreat center by visiting: <https://www.desales.org/retreat-center/> They will be returning Saturday around 1:30pm. (Transportation is provided both ways by bus) Starting in October, the class meets one day a month: always the second Thursday of each month. You can find the calendar on The Monroe County Business Alliance website at:

<https://mcbusinessalliance.org/assets/pdf/2026+LM+Calendar/>

We will be exploring the core of our community with sessions focused on economic development, exploring our educational systems, health and human services, some non-profit opportunities and visiting some key business both large and small throughout Monroe County. This year we will be expanding the curriculum with some leadership principles built into the monthly sessions.

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

The tuition fee is \$1995 for the 2026 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; this amount is to be received by The Business Alliance prior to orientation, which is on Thursday, September 4, 2025. Financial assistance is also available through scholarships. Please inquire to:

[https://mcbusinessalliance.org/assets/pdf/LM\\_Tuition-Assist-App-writable/](https://mcbusinessalliance.org/assets/pdf/LM_Tuition-Assist-App-writable/)

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## What are the benefits to the employer?

The program offers exposure to other leaders within the community as an opportunity to help your staff get 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 the opportunity to gain experience about the needs/issues in Monroe County. The classes are held locally in Monroe County.

## When is the deadline for applications:

Applications are due as soon as possible. The class size is limited to 30 participants this year. You can find application information at: <https://mcbusinessalliance.org/partner-services/leadership-monroe/>. Please note that headshots will be taken during orientation, don't worry if you don't have one or if you need an updated one. Floral City Images provides a professional headshot for all Leadership Monroe participants. Applications are to be submitted to [mhalcomb@mcbusinessalliance.org](mailto:mhalcomb@mcbusinessalliance.org).

***The greatest aspects of Leadership Monroe are the connections participants make with each other and the increased knowledge about our community. Monroe County is truly a community rooted in partnership. Positive Leadership enhances both of these aspects....come and see what this Best Class is all about!***

## Comments 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 life-long 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.

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

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