



Do you want to develop your leadership skills, build long-lasting friendships, build connections that will further your career or grow your business, and/or make Chenango County a better place for all of

us to call home? Then Leadership Chenango may be right for you.

Those may sound like lofty goals, but Leadership Chenango has been the catalyst for many a career and life transformation over the last 30 years. I'm living proof.

My own Leadership Chenango journey started 12 years ago as a participant in the Class of 2010. The friendships formed, connections gained and all that I learned over the course of the program were life changing for me. To this day, those lessons and relationships continue to help me make an even greater impact both professionally and in service to our community.

It is the honor of a lifetime to shepherd others in their own growth and development through Leadership Chenango.

Are you up for the challenge? If so, I look forward to welcoming you into the Class of 2022.

Melissa Stagnaro
Facilitator, Leadership Chenango

"We fail the minute we let someone else define success for us."

-Brené Brown



On behalf of Commerce Chenango and the Chenango Foundation board, I invite you to apply to be a part of the Leadership Chenango and the Class of 2022.

It's a great year to get involved. We have a revamped curriculum, a brand-new facilitator and an exciting ten-months of leadership training, skill building and education waiting for you. It's an opportunity to learn more about the history of Chenango County, visit hidden gems and world-renowned businesses, participated in specialized leadership training and so much more.

I invite you to join over 300 Leadership Chenango Alumni who have successfully graduated from the program over the past twenty years. It's our goal and mission to invest into the next generation of leaders who want to do good work for all of Chenango County. Are you that future leader?

Kerri Green
President & CEO, Commerce Chenango

Scan here for more information or to download forms.



Leadership is the most important ingredient needed to build a thriving and successful community. The future of Chenango County is more dependent than ever on the quality and commitment of its leaders.



Class of 2020



**Go ahead, take the journey...
Be a part of the Class of 2022**

Leadership Chenango Program Details

PROGRAM SUMMARY-

Commerce Chenango is currently accepting applications for the Leadership Class of 2022. Applications will be reviewed by members of the Leadership Chenango Selection Committee and those who are chosen will go through an interview process before they are notified whether or not they are selected.

Leadership Chenango is a nine-month training and mentoring program that will begin in February with the Orientation & Kick-off Dinner. A two-day retreat follows and is designed to bring the class together and will give them the skills necessary to lead and work in a team or group environment more effectively and productively.

Day-long issue-oriented sessions are then held twice a month from March through October, with a graduation ceremony taking place in early November.

Attendance at all Leadership Chenango sessions is expected. Attendance at the retreat is required. Two excused absences will be allowed, however, make up work will be assigned.

PROGRAM COST -

Tuition is \$1,600. The tuition will be paid by a financial sponsor (the participant's employer or sponsoring organization) or by the participant. Tuition assistance is available based on qualifications and need. Tuition covers all costs for meals, materials, and supplemental transportation.

Limited scholarships are available through contributions from the RC Smith Foundation and the Otis Thompson Foundation, pending review by committee members.

“ A LEADER is someone who demonstrates WHAT'S POSSIBLE”
- Mark Yarnell

PROGRAM GOALS-

Leadership Chenango aims to enhance the development of long-term leadership in the County by:

- Identifying potential leaders with varied interests representing different geographic, occupational, and economic segments of Chenango County.
- Exposing participants through a formalized program to services, resources, issues and perspectives affecting Chenango County.
- Enhancing personal development skills and leadership abilities so that participants will be better managers.
- Motivating alumni of Leadership Chenango towards active participation in community affairs.
- Creating and maintaining an ongoing network of leadership alumni.

If you're an employer who'd like to offer this opportunity to one or more of your employees, please contact Commerce Chenango at 334-1400.

PARTICIPANTS-

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Participants ideally will represent businesses, professional organizations, government and education in a variety of geographic locations throughout Chenango.

Successful candidates exhibit the following characteristics:

- Commitment, motivation, and interest to serve Chenango County in volunteer, appointed, or elected leadership roles.
- Potential for career advancement to leadership positions.
- Willingness to commit the time and energy to complete the program and have the full support, if not self-employed, of the corporation or organization represented.
- Demonstrated career or community achievement relative to age and experience.

HOW DOES ONE APPLY-

Request an application by calling the offices of Commerce Chenango at 334-1400, via email at info@chenangony.org or by scanning the QR code on this brochure.

ALUMNI -

Graduation from the program is just the beginning. Alumni are encouraged to maintain the network of contacts that they will establish and apply their leadership training by taking a more active community role individually and/or through local organizations. Graduates will also be encouraged to participate with future Leadership Chenango programs and the Alumni Association.