



Would you like to develop your leadership skills, form long-lasting friendships, make connections that will further your career or grow your business AND make Chenango County a better place for all of us to call home in the process? 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 13 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 2024.

Melissa Stagnaro
Facilitator, Leadership Chenango



Class of 2020

We invite you to apply to be a part of the **Leadership Chenango Class of 2024** — an exciting ten-month journey of leadership training, skill building and professional development. In the process, you'll learn about the history of Chenango County, visit hidden gems and world-renowned businesses, participate in specialized leadership training and so much more.

As part of the **Class of 2024**, you'll join over 350 Leadership Chenango Alumni who have successfully completed this prestigious program over the past thirty five years.

It's our mission to identify and groom up and coming leaders who are ready to help shape the future of Chenango County.

Are you ready?

Join us in the Class of 2024!



Class of 2022

Are you ready to help shape the future of Chenango County?



Join the
Class of 2024



Leadership Chenango is a program of The Chenango Foundation, a part of Commerce Chenango organization.

Leadership Chenango Program Details

WHAT IS LEADERSHIP CHENANGO?

Leadership Chenango is Chenango County's premier community leadership development program. Since it was first launched in 1988 under the auspices of The Chenango Foundation—the non-profit arm of what is now Commerce Chenango—more than 350 community and business leaders have completed the program.

Leadership Chenango is designed to groom future leaders in the hopes of preparing them to assume roles of responsibility in political, civic and charitable organizations as well as contribute to their professional and career success.

Offered every other year, the 10-month program includes deep dives into local government, agriculture, education, social services, the non-profit sector, judicial system, economic development, tourism, health care, business, entrepreneurship, all aspects of leadership and more.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

Those accepted into the **Class of 2024** will be expected to attend and fully participate in all class sessions; attend a two-day retreat; complete related assignments; and make occasional presentations to and about the class. These elements, as well as a final Capstone Project, are required for successful completion of the program.

Some limited accommodation can be made for participants who miss fewer than two classes due to work-related travel or personal illness. Completion of make up assignments will be required in those instances to complete the class.



PURPOSE OF LEADERSHIP CHENANGO

Leadership Chenango aims to enhance the development of long-term leadership in the community by...

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

TUITION

Tuition is \$1,750 to be paid by a financial sponsor (participant's employer or sponsoring organization) or by the participant. A personal commitment fee of \$100 is also required. Partial scholarships are available based on qualifications and need.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

We welcome and encourage diverse applicants who represent all genders, ages, lifestyles, interests, and backgrounds; who are willing and able to commit the time, energy and resources to complete this rigorous program; and who...

- Represent businesses, professions, non-profit organizations, governmental agencies, educational institutions, and other entities that contribute to the economy and quality of life of greater Chenango County.
- Are committed, motivated, and interested in serving in volunteer, appointed, paid or elected roles that directly benefit the Chenango County community.
- Have demonstrated career or community achievement appropriate to their age and experience.
- Are interested in developing personally and professionally, honing their leadership skills, and learning how they can contribute to the future success of our community.

CLASS SELECTION PROCESS

Those wishing to be considered for the **Class of 2024** should submit their completed application consideration no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, December 22, 2023. Interviews will take the week of January 8, 2024. Successful applicants will be notified the last week of January. The course will begin in February 2024.

To request an application or for more information, contact Commerce Chenango at 334-1400 or via email at info@chenangony.org –or– visit www.commercechenango.org.