

Requirements

- The program runs from mid-September through mid-May. There will be a full day session every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Opening reception is September 3, 2025 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Birch Hill Event Center. Closing Celebration date and location TBD.
- Arrangements must be made for travel.
- To graduate from the Institute, you may only miss one session, and have full participation in the team community project. Attendance reports will be sent to sponsors and participants.
- The JRVCC Leadership Institute Committee will select up to 25 participants based on the submitted applications & letters of recommendation.

Application Process

To apply:

- Complete the application
- Sign the Code of Responsibility & Commitment Form
- Secure a letter of recommendation

Completed forms & letter of recommendation must be received in the Juniata River Valley Chamber office no later than July 11, 2025, with acceptance notification by July 25, 2025.

*You can find all forms at:
www.jrvchamber.com*

"The leadership institute is where ordinary individuals become extraordinary leaders! Together, we have the opportunity to shape the future of the Juniata River Valley, making a stronger, more vibrant community. Walking through this program, gaining not only leadership skills, but learning more about all facets of our local community, has empowered me to be a part of making that vision a reality. The repertoire of resources and connections made within this program are invaluable. Participating in the leadership institute has better equipped me to serve my team, my organization, and ultimately to better serve the community where I work and live, helping to leave a lasting impact on generations to come!"

*Holly Tusing, Class of 2025
Pennian Bank*

No applicant will be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, ancestry, disability, marital status, or sexual orientation.

JUNIATA RIVER VALLEY CHAMBER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

DEVELOPING LEADERS
ADVANCING CHANGE



"Going through the Leadership Institute helped me discover just how many incredible community resources and support systems are right here around us—I had no idea they even existed. Learning about our local history and connecting with so many passionate people made me feel more invested in the community than ever. If you're looking to grow as a leader and make meaningful local connections, this program is a game-changer."

Jonathan Jackson, Class of 2025
Providence Mortgage Group

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Juniata River Valley Chamber of Commerce

The Juniata River Valley Chamber of Commerce is proud to present the JRVCC Leadership Institute. We strongly believe that our future leaders need the opportunity to incorporate prior experiences with new found knowledge to equip them to empower and influence those around them. We believe that great leaders move and inspire, improving their workplaces and communities.

Benefits of Leadership Training

- It's an investment In the future of your business or organization as well as the individual
- Leaders are needed everywhere; in the workplace & in our community
- Employee development leads to organizational growth
- Training gives you a competitive advantage
- Increases retention. Employees leave when they have ineffective leaders. Turnover is expensive
- Networking and personal and professional growth opportunities

Tuition

The cost is \$750 per Chamber member participant and \$850 for non-members. Applicants will be invoiced for tuition upon their acceptance into the program.

Tuition may be paid by the individual, employer, or other agency. Tuition may be paid by check or credit card. All payments must be received before September 3, 2025. Class size is limited, so register early.

Program Features

Opening Reception
September 3, 2025,
8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Birch Hill Event Center

Seven All Day Sessions
8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Closing Celebration
Date & Location TBD

"I am so grateful I've been given the opportunity to be a part of the leadership institute. I have learned so much about our community and the many resources we have in Mifflin and Juniata counties. I have lived here all my life and never knew the history of our town. It has encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone and do the "hard things". It has stretched me further than I ever imagined and fostered many great connections. I feel better equipped as a leader in my job as well as in my community because of the leadership institute."

Kristen Shoemaker, Class of 2025
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Program Overview

History-Our Heritage

How the past influences our future
October 8, 2025

Community, Economic Development, & Entrepreneurism

How business impacts community
November 12, 2025

Healthcare, Human Services & Community Non Profits

How helping citizens reach their full potential builds human capital
December 10, 2025

Law & Government

How rules and regulations affect business operations
January 14, 2026

Community Leadership

How to strengthen your community and impact change
February 11, 2026

Education & Workforce Development

How our educational system works with other local entities to develop our future workforce
March 11, 2026

Tourism, Arts, & Culture

How tourism affects most sectors of the economy & improves quality of life
April 8, 2026