

Requirements

- The program runs from mid-September through mid-April. There will be a full day session one Wednesday every month from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Opening reception is September 2, 2026 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 two sessions, 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 20 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 10, 2026, with acceptance notification by July 24, 2026.

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

"The JRV Leadership Institute is an incredible resource that covers many key topics within the Mifflin-Juniata region, giving you the tools and connections to empower you to take the next steps in leadership—and ultimately make a difference in your local community. Listening to the leaders who are currently active in our community, seeing businesses in action that have overcome challenges and continue to thrive, and becoming aware of the many community resources we have to build one another up has been a huge inspiration to me as a young business owner. I have been greatly inspired and encouraged by what I've learned. I would highly recommend this program to anyone who sees themselves as a leader. It is truly life-changing!"

*Karen Markley, Class of 2026
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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



"I joined the class somewhat reluctantly because I've never been comfortable putting myself in a leadership role. But through this experience I found myself speaking up, presenting ideas, and connecting with people whose passion for our community is truly inspiring. This class has taught me that leadership does not have to be big or flashy; it's simply choosing to be the someone who steps forward."

Nicole Bomberger, Class of 2026
Helping Hands of Juniata County

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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 2, 2026. Class size is limited, so register early.

Program Features

Opening Reception

September 2, 2026,
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

"The Leadership Institute will stretch, motivate, and challenge you in becoming a stronger, more intentional leader. Stepping out of my comfort zone, I gained the confidence, and increased skills to continue building a strong team while driving authentic, personal growth. The experience and connections not only strengthened how I lead within my organization but also equipped me to continue being a trusted resource in my community. This program enhanced how I lead, and how I view and approach leadership. Truly transformative. "

Tyler Hutchinson, Class of 2025
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Program Overview

History-Our Heritage

How the past influences our future
October 21, 2026

Community, Economic Development, & Entrepreneurism

How business impacts community
November 11, 2026

Healthcare, Human Services & Community Non Profits

How helping citizens reach their full potential builds human capital
December 9, 2026

Law & Government

How rules and regulations affect business operations
January 20, 2027

Community Leadership

How to strengthen your community and impact change
February 10, 2027

Education & Workforce Development

How our educational system works with other local entities to develop our future workforce
March 10, 2027

Tourism, Arts, & Culture

How tourism affects most sectors of the economy & improves quality of life
April 14, 2027