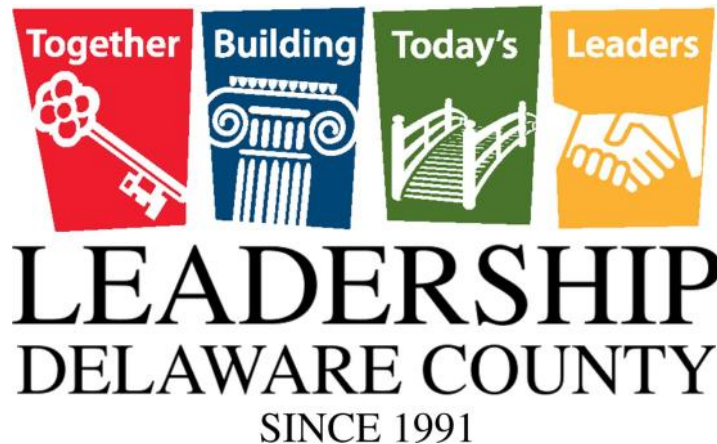


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# Leadership Delaware County

A Community Leadership Program  
of the  
Delaware Area Chamber of Commerce



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## Mission

**Leadership Delaware County** is designed to identify, nurture and promote future leaders in Delaware County; to increase awareness and provide education and opportunity to leaders in the Delaware County community. The program will develop informed and committed leaders by providing participants with an understanding of the critical issues affecting Delaware County and beyond. Leadership and stewardship capabilities will be developed to assist in resolving these issues with an emphasis on knowledge, skills enhancement and trusteeship.

## Program Objectives

**Leadership Delaware County** is structured to encompass a broad variety of citizens from up-and-coming office associates to corporate management staff who have demonstrated an interest in assuming greater leadership roles and to educate them through programs that broaden and deepen their knowledge of the county's challenges and opportunities.

## Program Goals

- Identify potential leaders.
- Provide community leadership and educational opportunities.
- Enable participants to improve community leadership skills.
- Develop relationships of value through team projects.
- Create a rapport among participants and current community leaders.
- Match the leadership talents of participants with the needs throughout Delaware County.

## Format

**Leadership Delaware County** participants engage in a nine-month program carefully designed to increase their community leadership skill. During the leadership experience, participants are exposed to a variety of viewpoints in various areas illustrating the broad array of economic, political, educational, and social issues at all levels.

Through **Leadership Delaware County**, participants meet with local leaders, providing the opportunity to discuss issues and explore community service.

## Our Commitment to You

We pledge to provide participants with experiences, knowledge and skills to better assume roles as leaders. The program will strengthen confidence, motivation, creativity and relationships. It will open the door to a better understanding of the innovations that challenge today's decision making and allow participants to pursue their personal vision.

## Our Expectation of You

**Leadership Delaware County** seeks a diverse makeup of members in each class. Each candidate should have demonstrated interest in voluntary community activities, as well as a desire to improve individual and community leadership skills. All sessions require attendance and full participation. You will develop relationships with others in the class and work on a project as a team. Upon successful completion of the program, we will invite you to commit to areas of leadership in the community which may include accepting a role as an Ambassador of the chamber of commerce.

## The Role of the Sponsor

The sponsor is the direct supervisor within the organization of the participant who will fully support the participant's candidacy by allowing compensatory time to attend and participate in all **Leadership Delaware County** activities. This includes each monthly session, and a minimal amount of other project activity. Participants are encouraged to meet with their sponsor on a regular basis to assess progress on both personal goals and program goals.

## Community Service Project

Each year the class chooses a community service project. Graduating classes have chosen non-profits that need help with cleaning, painting, planting, marketing and other jobs that make a difference to the agency.

## Application & Tuition

The tuition cost for the program is \$950 (\$1000 for non chamber members) and due by September 30. Tuition includes all meals and materials. Applications must be submitted by June 30. Selected applicants will be notified no later than July 31. Cancellations after September 1st from accepted candidates will be refunded the tuition cost, less a \$200 processing fee.

Scholarships are awarded each year as deemed appropriate and determined by the Advisory Committee:

- Rozella Miller Founder's Scholarship*

A partial scholarship is available to any Delaware County professional who could not otherwise afford to participate in the program. It is named in honor of Rozella Miller who helped start the Leadership Delaware County program and served as its director from its inception in 1992.

*"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader".*

*-John Quincy Adams*

Through **Leadership Delaware County**, participants gain a better understanding of our community by attending these special days that have been organized by **Leadership Delaware County** alumni:

- **Leadership styles and team building**
- **Tour Delaware County**
- **Agriculture**
- **Education**
- **Social Services, volunteerism and boardsmanship**
- **City, county, and township governance**
- **Law enforcement and the courts system**
- **Health care**
- **Economic development**

Through participation in the leadership program, graduates become part of a new community resource capable of directing important activities in the county. Graduates know how the Delaware County system works and have gained insight into specific interest areas and have developed a current perception of Delaware County, its disparate communities and bright future.

*“Success has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. Success is what you do for others.”*

*-Danny Thomas*



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