

Application & Selection

Leadership Tech Valley applications are available for download at leadershiptechvalley.org. Please type the form and return it to either the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce or the Chamber of Schenectady County with a \$100 deposit. Applications are due by the third Friday in May. Applications received after the deadline cannot be accepted.

Each applicant will be interviewed by program staff. Approximately 40 program participants will be chosen by a selection committee. Some candidates even with strong credentials may not be selected.

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Graduates on Leadership Tech Valley...



Leadership Tech Valley facilitated strong relationships, opened a door to a new career, and gave me a glimpse into how industries and institutions work hard to make the Capital Region an even better place to live.
— Kelly Brown Mateja
Colonie Senior Service Centers, Inc.



My business increased 40 percent over one year. I attribute it mainly to the class, a mindset change, and the great relationships I have developed through Leadership Tech Valley.
— Kevin Clancy
Clancy Real Estate



You are immediately immersed into a group of diverse people and exposed to both the old traditions and the new innovations that provide the foundation for the history and growth of Tech Valley.
— Jeremy Speich
McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, PCs



Not only did I benefit from the business and personal connections I made, but also from an encouraged awareness that there are a lot of dedicated, bright and energetic people, and good things, happening in our community.
— Pam Cerrone
Price Chopper

Sampling of Past Sponsored Participants

109th Airlift Wing, New York Air National Guard	Halliday Financial Group	Pitney Bowes Insight/MapInfo
Albany Institute of History & Art	Hilton Garden Inn Albany Medical Center	Price Chopper Supermarkets
Albany Medical Center	Hodgson Russ LLP	Rose and Kiernan, Inc.
Albany Public Library	Homeless & Travelers Aid Society (HATAS)	Sawchuk, Brown Associates
Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce	Honorable Ronald Canestrari Hudson Valley	Schenectady ARC
American Cancer Society	Community College	Schenectady County
Animal Protective Foundation	Iseman, Cunningham, Riestler & Hyde, LLP	Community College
Austin & Co., Inc	Karalina's, LLC	Schenectady Inner City Ministry
Bank of America	KeyBank	Seton Health Foundation
Bechtel Marine Propulsion Corporation – KAPL	KPMG LLP	SimplexGrinnell
Blue Slate Solutions	Lavelle & Finn, LLP	Sneeringer Monahan Provost
BlueShield of Northeastern NY	LeChase Construction Services	Redgrave Title Agency
Bonadio Group	Living Resources Corporation	SuperPower, Inc.
Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC	M & T Bank	TD Banknorth, N.A.
Boys & Girls Clubs of Albany	MapInfo Corporation	Tech Valley Payroll
Capital District Physicians' Health Plan	MARKTECH Optoelectronics	powered by GTM
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Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany	Mazzone Management Group, Inc	The Chamber of
CB Richard Ellis	McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C.	Schenectady County
Center for Disability Services	MicroKnowledge, Inc.	The College of Saint Rose
Center for Economic Growth, Inc.	MVP Health Care	Times Union
Clancy Real Estate	North Albany Academy, City School District of Albany	Town of Colonie, Planning & Economic Dev
ClearView Center, Inc.	National Grid	Trinity Institution-Homer Perkins Center, Inc.
Clough, Harbour & Associates LLP	Nationwide Equities Corporation	Tully, Rinckey & Associates PLLC
Comtex Technologies	Newkey Media Solutions, LLC	Turner Construction Company
CSArch	Nixon Peabody LLP	UHY Advisors NY, Inc.
Einhorn Yaffee Prescott, Architecture & Engineering, PC	Northeast Health	Union Graduate College
Ellis Hospital	Northeast Parent & Child Society	Unity House of Troy, Inc.
Fenimore Asset Management	Northwestern Mutual Financial Network-Newman District Agency	Von Roll USA, Inc.
First Niagara Bank	Picotte Companies	Watershed Assessment Associates
GTM Payroll Services	Pioneer Bank	Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP
		Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker LLP

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What Is Leadership Tech Valley?

Leadership Tech Valley, a shared initiative of the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Schenectady County, is a dynamic, interactive program that provides skill development and community immersion experiences that enables participants to grow personally and professionally as they explore issues and opportunities in the Capital Region.



Through a series of thought-provoking session days, Leadership Tech Valley develops the leadership potential of participants and builds a solid foundation of informed, action-oriented and productive employees and citizens.

It offers a unique opportunity for participants to have an inside look at some of the area's most innovative organizations; connect to top business, government and civic leaders; and enhance their professional network.

Leadership Tech Valley unites individuals from diverse fields and backgrounds to learn more about themselves as leaders and how to best serve their organization and community.

Program Benefits

Individual Benefits

- :: Increased understanding of the critical issues and opportunities affecting the region
- :: New network of participants who come from different backgrounds and diverse interests
- :: Access to top leadership in the region
- :: Inspiration to address community challenges & produce change
- :: Strengthened leadership skills

Employer Benefits

- :: Informed employees with enhanced business opportunities via broadened exposure and networking
- :: Awareness and appreciation of diversity in the workplace
- :: Camaraderie with community leaders
- :: Access to decision-making circles

Community Benefits

- :: Informed and enlightened citizens
- :: A talent pool of trained leaders who can be called upon for collaborative decision making
- :: Citizens who are motivated to make a difference



Format

Leadership Tech Valley begins with a two-day overnight opening retreat in early fall to begin leadership training, personal development and the team-building process.

Nine subsequent sessions are held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first or second Friday of each month from October through June, followed by a graduation ceremony.

Monthly sessions are themed around various elements of our community to serve as a catalyst for expanding awareness in economic development, community service, diversity, media, education, government and politics, health care and quality of life. Components of the sessions include keynote speakers, roundtable discussions, tours and interactive learning opportunities.



Program Requirements

Participation at the opening retreat and closing session is mandatory. Participants are not permitted to be absent from more than two of the monthly sessions.

In addition, each participant needs to earn 16 experiential credits outside of class time in order to graduate from the program. Experiential opportunities are coordinated by program leaders and are assigned a credit value based on the time investment to complete the activity. Examples include touring various businesses or organizations, attending meetings of local government, and volunteering for a community-based organization.

Each Leadership Tech Valley class must reach consensus and come together as a whole to complete a community service project; 100 percent class participation is required.

Who Should Apply?

The ideal candidates for participation in Leadership Tech Valley are individuals who have demonstrated leadership in their respective careers and have a strong desire to be part of the growth of our region.

The program is open to members and potential members of the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Schenectady County.

Commitment & Cost

Participating in Leadership Tech Valley is an investment in you, in your business and in the future of our region. It therefore requires a commitment by participants, as well as their employers.

Program tuition is \$2,050 for Chamber members, \$2,250 for potential Chamber members and \$1,950 for small, community-based nonprofit organizations that are Chamber members. Tuition covers program costs for the opening retreat, all monthly sessions, meals, resource materials and graduation.

A limited number of partial scholarships are available. Requests for financial assistance will not affect consideration for acceptance.