

HOW WILL PARTICIPANTS BENEFIT FROM THE PROGRAM?

- Gain leadership skills for personal and professional interactions
- Learn and practice strategies to make change in your community
- Understand opportunities and resources in Muhlenberg County
- Exposure to new ideas and experiences
- Develop a lifelong personal and professional network of connections
- Opportunities to interact with local leadership on issues that matter to you.
- Gain insight into complex issues facing Muhlenberg County
- Build a deeper commitment to your community

HOW DO EMPLOYERS BENEFIT FROM BUILDING LOCAL LEADERS?

Employers will gain more than just a better-trained staff member — they gain a confident, connected, and community-minded leader. Participants return with stronger leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills that directly enhance workplace performance. This investment fosters greater employee engagement and loyalty, leading to a more motivated and committed team. They also develop sharper strategic thinking, gaining a broader understanding of the community and how your organization fits into the bigger picture. Best of all, the benefits are immediate — participants apply what they learn right away, bringing new ideas, improved collaboration, and a renewed sense of purpose back to your organization.



PROGRAM COST

\$200 Chamber member

\$250 non-member

**Fee covers cost of lunches, materials,
program shirts and other expenses**

**** Inquire if you would need a scholarship
to participate.**

**APPLICATIONS DUE BY:
FEBRUARY 16, 2026**

APPLY ONLINE AT:
<https://bit.ly/MCLI2026App>



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The Greater Muhlenberg Chamber of Commerce and the Felix E. Martin Jr. Foundation are partnering to offer a learning program for emerging local leaders. MCLI provides a deep dive into the resources available and challenges facing Muhlenberg County and provides opportunities for participants to deepen their engagement in the community.

The program brings together a diverse group of engaged local citizens over eight months to gain insight into the complex issues that face our County. By developing new relationships across sectors and fostering a deeper understanding of local issues, the program strives to empower local leaders to find fresh insights and design and lead creative solutions which can impact the issues that are most important to program participants.

The program is open to all aspiring community leaders that are willing to dedicate the time and effort over eight months to build relationships, learn about the community, engage in conversations, and consider and design solutions to address challenges. During the final session at graduation, participants will present their Leadership Initiative projects. These initiatives are designed to create positive community impact and may be completed individually or in groups with shared goals.

2026 PROGRAM DATES

Monthly sessions feature leadership learning sessions, learning tours of county resources across the sectors below, and small group discussions with local leadership.

MAR 25	Intro to Leadership & MCLI
APR 22	Business & Economy
MAY 27	Tourism, Arts & Entertainment
JUN 24	Education & Workforce Development
JUL 22	Health & Human Services
SEP 2	Agriculture & Changing Your Community
SEP 30	Local Government
OCT 28	Project Presentations & Graduation

RECENT GRADUATES SAY:

“MCLI is a great way to learn about the opportunities that we have in Muhlenberg County as well as a way to get involved in making a difference - even in a small way”.

“MCLI has opened my eyes about Muhlenberg County. I have learned so much, made such good friends, and have learned that it takes a leader to start off small - and this can grow into great things.”

“MCLI is an awesome program to participate in and I recommend it for anyone who lives in our county, especially if you are wanting to advance and grow in a leadership role!”

“MCLI is a great networking tool. I’ve met people that I most likely wouldn’t have if not for the program.”

