



The Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for the **2025-26 Leadership Oneida County program**.

Leadership Oneida County is a nine-month program that will cultivate and prepare emerging leaders in Oneida County. Leadership Oneida County creates an awareness of services and organizations within the County, and reinforces an individual's call to civic responsibility and citizen involvement.

Leadership Oneida County serves as a catalyst in connecting community leaders with local resources, and fosters relationships and self-awareness of Candidates leadership potential.

Candidates from the previous programs shared these thoughts at Graduation:

- "I was able to identify strengths and weaknesses, which has assisted me in my personal and professional relationships"
- "I have had this program on my radar for years. I promote Rhinelander for a living and have taken away so many positive things that can be communicated to clients."
- "I developed new relationships and made important community connections"
- "I'm a life-long resident, and learned there is a lot more out there than I realized"
- "The variety of information presented each month was surprising"
- "I gained a much broader understanding of Oneida County"

The program will kick-off on Thursday, September 11th, with a retreat. Leadership Oneida County will then meet monthly for day-long sessions, from 8:30am to 4:30pm, beginning in October and conclude with the graduation ceremony in May. Each monthly session will focus on a specific area within the County including business, industry, medical, education, government, and community services. Program activities will include touring Oneida County businesses, meeting with community leaders, attending a public meeting and completing a community project.

The program fee is \$450 per participant (\$400 if you are a Chamber Member of any Oneida County Chamber), and will cover all fees including retreats and program materials.

Leadership Oneida County is open to all Oneida County residents and/or employees of Oneida County businesses. 50% scholarships are available, and will be awarded based upon need and candidate qualifications. The 2024-2025 Leadership Oneida County program is limited to 20 participants.

For application materials, please contact the Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce. Final application deadline is August 8, 2025. Applications can be emailed to lauren@rhinelanderchamber.com. Applications can be dropped off in person at 450 W. Kemp St. Rhinelander, WI 54501. [An online application can be submitted here.](#)



2025-2026 Tentative Program Overview

All program days are the 2nd Thursday of the Month

Class dates typically run from 8:30a-4:30p.

Monthly locations are TBD.

September 11, 2025	Kick-Off Retreat
October 9, 2025	Tourism, Arts & Environment Day
November 13, 2025	Human Services & Volunteerism Day
December 11, 2025	Community Project & Media Day
January 8, 2026	Business & Industry Day
February 12, 2026	Law Enforcement & Local Government Day
March 12, 2026	Health & Wellness Day
April 9, 2026	Education Day
May 14, 2026	Wrap-Up Retreat & Graduation*

To graduate, a minimum of 90% attendance is required. Absenteeism will result in being dropped from the program. Program tuition is non-refundable.

***Alumni & Public attendance for portion of day**

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Feel free to attach additional sheets for answers

First and Last Name:		
Business Contact Information:		
Business Name:		
Address:		
City, State and Zip:		
Business Phone:		
Preferred Phone:		
Your Title / Position:		
Responsibilities:		
Personal Contact Information:		
Home Address:		
City, State and Zip:		
Preferred Email:		
Number of Years You Have Lived and Worked in Oneida County:	_____ Lived _____ Worked	
Honors / Awards for Leadership:		
What Do You Consider Your Highest Accomplishment or Leadership Achievement:		

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Organizations / Activities: Please list, in order of importance to you, up to three community, civic, professional, business, religious, social, athletic, and other organizations of which you are or have been a member. Include your position/role in the organization and length of service.	
How much time each month do you commit to community, civic, professional and other organizations / activities?	
What do you see as the current issues facing Oneida County and its residents?	
What do you hope to gain from your experience with Leadership Oneida County?	
Attendance:	To successfully graduate from the Leadership Oneida County program, a minimum of 90% attendance is required throughout the program. Tuition is non-refundable. Class size is limited to 20 Leadership candidates.
Are you and your employer willing to make a commitment to attending and fully participating in this nine month (September to May) program? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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Tuition:

Full tuition for the Leadership Oneida County is \$450 per participant - \$400 for Chamber Member participant.

Once enrolled, you or your company will be billed for the tuition.

Payment is due upon receipt of the invoice, and checks should be made payable to the Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce (RACC). Tuition covers all program materials including the retreats, speaker costs, transportation, etc.

If interested in applying for a 50% scholarship, please attach a letter of need.

Candidate Name (Please Print):

Candidate Signature:

Date:

I have read the commitments above and will support this candidate.

Employer Name (Please Print):

Employer Signature (If Applicable):

FOR CHAMBER OFFICE USE

Date Received:

Payment Received:

Comments: