



Confidential Application

Class Applying for (2019, 2020, etc) _____

Date of Application _____

Name _____
(Dr., Mr., Ms., Mrs.) Last First Preferred First Name Middle

Employer _____

Job Title _____

Bus. E-Mail _____ Home E-Mail _____

Bus. Phone / Direct _____ Bus. Fax _____

Home Phone _____ Home Fax _____

Cell Phone _____ May we contact you on your cell phone? Y N

Work Address _____
Street Address Suite/PO Box City State Zip

Home Address _____
Street Address Apt. # City State Zip

Birthdate _____ Gender Female Male (circle one)

Ethnicity Asian Pacific African American Caucasian Hispanic Native American
 Other _____ I do not wish to disclose this information.

Do you have any special dietary needs or will you require special accommodations? Yes No

Please indicate _____

Shirt Size Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large XX-Large

Live in Mecosta County? _____ No. of yrs. _____ Work in Mecosta County? _____ No. of yrs. _____

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS WHICH BEST DESCRIBES THE AREA(S) IN WHICH YOU PRESENTLY WORK/SERVE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Media (Newspaper/Publishing/Television/Radio) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit/Community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Automotive | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel & Employment Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking/Financial/Investment | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care (Large Institutions) | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate & Property Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chamber of Commerce/Trade Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy/Religious | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Retail & Sales |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications (Telephone/Cellular/Mobile) | <input type="checkbox"/> Interior Design & Furniture | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer & Related | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal | <input type="checkbox"/> Utility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Design & Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

CAREER HISTORY

List previous employment in reverse chronological order *(include active military duty)*

<u>Employer</u>	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Title/Responsibility</u>	<u>From -To</u>

PROFESSIONAL/BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Position(s) or Assignments</u>	<u>Approximate hours per month</u>

MILITARY SERVICE

Have you served active duty or reserve time in the US Military? Yes Dates _____ No

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

<u>Recognition/Award</u>	<u>Awarded By</u>	<u>Date</u>

What do you consider your most important civic or community contribution and why?

GENERAL INFORMATION

How would your participation contribute to the makeup of the Leadership Mecosta class ?

In your opinion, what are the three most significant challenges facing Mecosta County and/or the region?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

In your opinion, what are the three most notable opportunities Mecosta County and/or the region has to offer?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

GENERAL INFORMATION CONTINUED

What specific skills/knowledge do you hope to gain from your Leadership Mecosta experience?

I am being nominated by A graduate of Leadership Mecosta _____
Name Phone

Self (please list a personal reference) _____
Name Phone

Other (please explain) _____
Name Phone

List all Chamber of Commerce affiliation(s) (individual/business) _____

SELECTION CRITERIA

Application to the **LEADERSHIP MECOSTA PROGRAM** is open to all persons living or working in Mecosta County.

The class is generally limited to **35 participants** who will be selected by the **LEADERSHIP MECOSTA** Director and Steering Committee. The Committee will be seeking participation from varied business, ethnic, minority, age and gender groups to represent a cross-section of the community. Participants should be active in business, and/or non-profit, professional, educational, organized labor, governmental, artistic, religious, service or community organizations.

The most important factor in selection is identifying those individuals most apt to utilize their leadership for the long-term benefit of the community. In reviewing applications, the Steering Committee looks for candidates who demonstrate the following characteristics:

- Genuine concern for the future of Mecosta County and the region
- A sincere commitment, motivation and interest to serve Mecosta County and the region
- Currently in or potential for advancement to top leadership positions within their own organization
- Willingness and ability to make the time commitment required by the program
- The intention of seeking appointments to community boards, commissions or key volunteer leadership positions
- Representative of the diversity of the region

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT

Attendance and participation at the overnight retreat, all monthly classes, and in the class Leadership Project is a prerequisite for graduation. Participants may miss 1 monthly Class Session.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM DATES - SEE UPCOMING PROGRAM BROCHURE FOR DETAILS

EVENT	DATES	APPROXIMATE TIMES
Orientation Social	EARLY SEPTEMBER	THURSDAY, 5:30 – 7:30PM
Leadership Development Retreat (@ Cran-Hill Ranch)	2ND THUR – FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER	THURSDAY 9AM – FRIDAY 5PM
MONTHLY CLASSES OCTOBER – MAY	2 ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH	9:00AM TO 5:00PM
GRADUATION MID MAY	2 ND OR 3 RD THURSDAY IN MAY, 5:30 – 8:00PM	

MONTHLY TOPICS AND ORGANIZATION FOCUS VISITS INCLUDE:

- Leadership Development & Team Building
- NON-PROFITS, HUMAN SERVICES & PHILANTHROPY
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT
- JUSTICE SYSTEM & PUBLIC SAFETY
- Education
- ARTS, CULTURE & MEDIA
- LOCAL & STATE GOVERNMENT WITH LANSING VISIT

LEADERSHIP MECOSTA PROGRAM TUITION

Tuition for **Leadership Mecosta** is **\$695** and covers all program costs and materials, including room and meals at the Leadership Development overnight retreat. **A deposit of \$250 is required with this application** and upon acceptance to the program will be applied to the tuition. **Tuition must be paid in full 60 days from the date of acceptance to the program, unless other payment arrangements have been made.** A limited number of scholarships are available to qualified individuals who may not otherwise be able to participate.* Deposits are only refunded if you are not selected to participate by the LM Selection Committee. Makes Checks Payable to "Leadership Mecosta."

REFERENCES

Please list three references who can be contacted for additional information.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Phone</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

LEADERSHIP MECOSTA PROGRAM APPLICANT COMMITMENT

If selected as a participant in Leadership Mecosta, **I will attend the Leadership Development overnight retreat and at least 80% of the monthly sessions.** I will also make every effort to attend other functions sponsored by the program. I agree to respect and abide by the rules of host locations throughout the program. I understand that if I fail to meet any part of this commitment, I may be asked to withdraw from the program without any refund of tuition. I understand that any false information may disqualify me from participation.

Signature Date

EMPLOYER / SPONSORING ORGANIZATION COMMITMENT

The Applicant has our full support including the time required to participate in the program. Upon receipt of invoice, our organization will pay the tuition for the Applicant.

Name/Title _____
(Please Print)

Firm/Organization _____

Signature Title Date

Refund / Cancellation Policy

Cancellations are subject to a \$75 materials fee. Cancellations must be made in writing to Leadership Mecosta no later than 30 days in advance of the opening retreat to receive a full refund (less \$75 materials fee).

INSTRUCTIONS

- Applications must be signed by candidate and employer or candidate's financial sponsor.
- *If you wish to apply for a **scholarship**, a letter indicating the reason and amount requested must be included with your Leadership Mecosta Application as well as the Scholarship Application found on the leadership Mecosta Website.
- **Send electronic photo (preferably as a 300dpi - JPEG) to bargersr@gmail.com at time of application.**

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION, \$250 DEPOSIT:

LEADERSHIP MECOSTA

Mecosta County Chamber of Commerce
127 South State Street, Big Raids, MI 49307

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICE
Phone: (231) 796-7649 ♦ Fax: (231) 796-1625
E-Mail: info@mecostacounty.com
or **Scott Barger, Leadership Mecosta Director**
Phone: (231) 250-9975 ♦ bargersr@gmail.com

Note: Early Consideration Deadline 1 – April 15
Early Consideration Deadline 2 – May 28
Applications received later may be placed on a waiting list.