



**Confidential Application**

Class Applying for (2015, 2016, 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?

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

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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?

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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
<b>Orientation Social</b>	<b>EARLY SEPTEMBER</b>	THURSDAY, 5:30 – 7:30PM
<b>Leadership Development Retreat (@ Cran-Hill Ranch)</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> THUR – FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER</b>	THURSDAY 9AM – FRIDAY 5PM
<b>MONTHLY CLASSES</b> OCTOBER – MAY	2 <sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH	9:00AM TO 5:00PM
<b>GRADUATION</b> MID MAY	2 <sup>ND</sup> OR 3 <sup>RD</sup> 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>
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____

## 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](mailto:bargersr@gmail.com) at time of application.**

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION, \$250 DEPOSIT:  
**LEADERSHIP MECOSTA**  
Mecosta County Chamber of Commerce  
246 North 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](mailto:info@mecostacounty.com)  
or **Scott Barger, Leadership Mecosta Director**  
Phone: (231) 250-9975 ♦ [bargersr@gmail.com](mailto: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.**