



## Our Mission

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The mission of Leadership Portage County is to provide unique insights into Portage County; to explore and develop various styles, theories, and examples of leadership; to provide opportunities to build relationships and networks; and to serve as a catalyst for volunteerism and positive change in Portage County.

## About the Program

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Leadership Portage County is a nine-month experience designed to develop active and influential leaders with the appropriate knowledge to address important issues facing Portage County. Participants are engaged in an exploration of the region to gain a deep understanding of the county's opportunities and challenges. These experiential learning opportunities also provide professional development to assist participants in building their personal leadership skills.

The program begins in September with a class dinner followed by a two-day retreat. It continues through May with eight one-day sessions, ending with graduation in May. The sessions are facilitated by leaders in their field who cover topics related to the day's theme.

## Class of 2025 Dates

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Welcome Dinner & 2 Day Opening Retreat	September 11, 12 & 13, 2024
Portage County Tour	Thursday, October 10, 2024
Human Services Day	Thursday, November 7, 2024
Economic Growth & Development Day	Thursday, December 5, 2024
Healthcare Day	Thursday, January 9, 2025
Justice System & Citizenship Day	Thursday, February 6, 2025
Education Day	Thursday, March 6, 2025
Parks & Arts Day	Thursday, April 3, 2025
Closing Retreat and Commencement Ceremony	Thursday, May 8, 2025

## Attendance Requirements

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1. Attendance at the opening retreat is mandatory, Wednesday 5pm-8pm, Thursday and Friday 9am-5pm.
2. In addition to the opening retreat, class members are expected to attend eight one-day programs for the entire day. Program days are 9am-5pm.
3. To qualify for graduation, participants may not miss more than two class days.
4. Leadership Portage County must be notified before an absence.

## Tuition

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Tuition for Leadership Portage County Class of 2025 is \$2,000 and submission deadline is June 1, 2024. Tuition is non-refundable and due by July 1, 2024. Submit completed applications to:

**Leadership Portage County**  
P.O. Box 194  
Kent, OH 44240

Or submit electronically to: [director@leadershipportagecounty.org](mailto:director@leadershipportagecounty.org)



### Class of 2025 Application

All information provided is confidential. Please complete and return to:  
LEADERSHIP PORTAGE COUNTY  
P.O. Box 194 □ Kent, OH 44240  
Email: [director@leadershipportagecounty.org](mailto:director@leadershipportagecounty.org)  
Phone: 330.388.2438

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Portage County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Living or Working in PC

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Text: (circle one) Y or N \_\_\_\_\_

Work Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address (circle one): Home or Business \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (Name & Phone): \_\_\_\_\_

#### EDUCATION

Name & Location of School	Graduation Date	Degree/Major
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please list organizations where you currently volunteer or have volunteered:

Organization	Position Held
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please list, in order of importance to you, professional associations or other organizations you are a member of:

Organization	Position Held
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

## GENERAL INFORMATION

What do you hope to gain from your Leadership Portage County experience?

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## COMMITMENT PLEDGE

Leadership Portage County aims for full participation of each class member. The experience begins in September with a mandatory retreat. Following the opening retreat, the Leadership Portage County program continues on a monthly basis for eight months. Participants are expected to attend one full-day session (9am to 5pm) per month beginning in October and concluding in May. The closing retreat/graduation in May is also mandatory.

Individuals selected to participate, pledge to fully dedicate their time and focus to Leadership Portage County during class sessions. To fulfill graduation requirements, each participant may not miss more than two class sessions. Leadership Portage County must be notified before an absence. Individuals missing more than two sessions may be asked to withdraw. Tuition is not refundable in the event a student is asked to withdraw.

## TUITION AGREEMENT

Tuition for the 2025 Leadership Portage County class is \$2,000.00. It may be paid by the applicant, the applicant's employer, or a sponsor. Tuition is non-refundable and is due no later than July 1, 2024.

My tuition will be paid by:       My Employer       Myself       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

My employer (if applicable) and I have read and understand the Leadership Portage County Commitment Pledge and Tuition Agreement. Furthermore, I (or we) acknowledge that completion of this application does not constitute acceptance into the program. I (or we) understand Leadership Portage County selects participants based on a variety of considerations. If selected, I (or we) agree to be bound by the Commitment Pledge and Tuition Agreement.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Portage County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, or gender in admission or access to its programs or services.