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Shelby Heisler²⁶, Ulster Savings Bank

**Want to improve your leadership skills?
Build your personal network?
Interact with local community leaders?
Learn to be an effective a board member?**

Sign up for Leadership Ulster 2027 today!

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Leadership Ulster Celebration 2025 at Wiltwyck Golf Club



Ulster Chamber Foundation

Leadership Ulster

Leadership development is a hallmark of the Ulster Chamber Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Its **Leadership Ulster** program (formerly the Ulster Leadership Development Institute) has served the community since 1993, providing training and mentoring, and interactive sessions with local business, government, and organizational leaders. Program participants are interested in refining or developing their own leadership skills, and many have been identified as emerging leaders within their organizations. This professional development opportunity is invaluable for both employees AND employers. In the words of Shelby Heisler²⁶, *“Going through Leadership Ulster has given me greater confidence in myself and my abilities as an aspiring supervisor and leader.”*

Leadership Ulster is an intensive, regionally oriented, community leadership development program designed to give potential and emerging leaders the skills, knowledge, and on-going support they need to succeed. This nine-month program challenges individuals from diverse backgrounds to be influential in our region’s future. Participants sharpen their leadership, entrepreneurial, and team-building skills, as well as heighten their knowledge of the region’s business, community, and government sectors.

The program starts with an overnight retreat in September, followed by 18 bi-weekly three-hour sessions, and concludes with a graduation celebration in June. Participants dialogue with over 40 Ulster County leaders through presentations, discussions, and panel deliberations. Class sessions include key leaders from Ulster County, including the County Executive, County Comptroller, Commissioner of Jurors, District Attorney, Chamber President, CEOs from financial, business, nonprofit, health care, and higher education. Included in the program for each participant is the complete Everything DiSC® Profile, and a session with a certified DiSC Facilitator dedicated to understanding their individual personality type and how to effectively interact with those with other styles.

Each Leadership Ulster cohort completes an annual project designing and coordinating two initiatives. One focuses on community service, and the second consists of fundraising for the Len Cane Memorial Scholarship Fund* (*providing partial tuition scholarships to qualifying Leadership Ulster participants.*)

Since 1993, over 500 individuals have graduated from the program. Many Leadership Ulster alumni lead teams in their businesses, government positions, non-profit or community organizations.

For more information about the program, or an application for an upcoming class, please contact:

Jess Davis, Executive Director, jess@ulsterchamber.org, 214 Fair Street, Kingston, NY 12401
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Leadership Ulster

Application 2026-2027
Deadline: July 31st

PERSONAL INFORMATION *(Information provided is limited to Foundation Leadership and used solely for selection.)*

Name/Preferred Pronouns _____

Preferred Phone _____ ☐ Work ☐ Home ☐ Mobile

Personal Mailing Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Email Address _____

Employer _____ ☐ Nonprofit ☐ For Profit

Business Address _____

Business City, State, Zip _____

Occupation/Title _____ Years Employed _____

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT HISTORY *(List most current first.)*

	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years Employed</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

CURRENT VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS *(boards, agencies, organizations, etc.)*

	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Role/Offices Held</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please summarize your objectives for participating in Leadership Ulster:

Identify one issue you feel is crucial to Ulster County:

TUITION: Tuition for the nine-month program is \$1,500 and full payment is due by September 1st.

(If you need tuition assistance, please apply for the Len Cane Memorial Scholarship.)

☐ Tuition fee enclosed

☐ Send invoice to: _____

ATTENDANCE – While there is no textbook for Leadership Ulster, it is necessary for participants to attend each session to gain information, participate in discussions, network with speakers, and build rapport with fellow class members. Class projects may require additional time commitments other than the regular class sessions. Both employer and Leadership Ulster applicant must acknowledge and sign their commitment to maintain good attendance.

EMPLOYER – I support the Leadership Ulster application of my employee. I understand the requirement for attendance and will allow this employee to reschedule his/her/their work so that he/she/they will complete the program and graduate in good standing.

Employer Signature

Date

APPLICANT – I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given is true and accurate. Except for circumstances beyond my control, I will undertake to complete the program in its entirety. I understand that in addition to this application, a personal interview may be requested.

Applicant Signature

Date



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