

## News from the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders

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Leadership Somerset Fellows are an exclusive network of over 400 thoughtful, dedicated leaders, including members of the Class of 2015.

## Do You Want to Learn More About Somerset County?

*Leadership Somerset will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019*

You will be surprised by what you learn at Leadership Somerset.

Adults who live or work in Somerset County are invited to apply for the **Leadership Somerset Class of 2019**. The deadline for applications is **Oct. 31**. For a quick overview, please see our [video](#).

**Benefits of the program include** networking with community leaders, learning about Somerset County and making an impact in the community. Information about applying to Leadership Somerset can be found at <http://bit.ly/LS2019>.

[Leadership Somerset](#) meets once a month, on a week day, beginning in January. Sessions are full days that start about 8:15 a.m. and end around 4:30 p.m.

### **Participants of Leadership Somerset will:**

#### Learn About Somerset County

Do you want to learn more about Somerset County? Each month, the program will focus on a different subject matter, including Government, Economy, Housing, Justice and Public Safety, Human Services, Arts and History, Community Health, Environment, Diversity and Lifelong Learning. In addition to our guest speakers, class trips offer new perspectives and access to a variety of resources.

#### Network with Community Leaders

You may be surprised by what you learn from other community leaders and subject-matter experts. Leadership Somerset Fellows are an exclusive network of over 350 thoughtful, dedicated leaders who make a positive impact in the community.

#### Make a Positive Impact

What is your passion? Every year, Leadership Somerset participants complete a class project for the benefit of the community. From the implementation of youth programs, blood drives and financial literacy programs to working with local nonprofit organizations, Leadership Somerset Fellows have made a difference.

### Build Capacities of Positive Leadership

Each of us has a unique combination of strengths, talents and values. How do you define leadership? We will discuss different capacities of positive leadership. In addition, Leadership Somerset will explore strengths and stressors with a True Colors assessment. Understanding our strengths and style preferences helps us to improve our ability to work with others.

The majority of the cost to attend the year-long adult leadership program is underwritten by the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Leadership Somerset participants are asked to contribute a program fee of \$350 for the year, which covers participation in all sessions, materials and meals. Limited scholarships based on financial need are available. Applicants will be notified by December.

Established in 2000, Leadership Somerset will be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the Class of 2019. The program is sponsored in part by Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Partner organizations include the Somerset County Business Partnership, Raritan Valley Community College and the United Way of Northern New Jersey.

For more information, visit the Leadership Somerset website at [www.leadershipsomerset.org](http://www.leadershipsomerset.org) or contact us at (908) 231-7040 or [LeadershipSomerset@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:LeadershipSomerset@co.somerset.nj.us). Discover Leadership Somerset on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

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