

United Way of Greater St. Joseph, Inc. Leadership St. Joseph Overview and Application for 2027 Program Year

About United Way Leadership St. Joseph

United Way Leadership St. Joseph is an initiative of United Way of Greater St. Joseph. The mission of the initiative is to **build the skills of individuals to be effective leaders in the community.**

Our graduates are recognized throughout the community as leaders in their organizations and the non-profit agencies for which they serve as volunteers and board members. Each year our participants gain knowledge about the critical issues facing our community and become part of a powerful network of leaders, better positioned to influence and participate in developing a stronger community.

Program Curriculum

The United Way Leadership St. Joseph program curriculum is designed to help participants identify and maximize their leadership styles and increase their knowledge of the issues, needs, and services available in our community. Participants are challenged by working in a small group to outline a project that helps meet a need in the community and by sharing a presentation about the project and their process in November.

Full participation and attendance are essential, not just for the benefit of the individual, but for the class as a whole. Participant attendance and engagement allow class members to fully benefit from one another's talents, skills and knowledge.

Participation Criteria

Each class is limited to a maximum number of participants. Participants should:

- Express commitment, interest and motivation to serve the community.
- Desire to fulfill volunteer, board or community leadership roles.
- Have the ability to honor the time commitment required.
- Reside and/or work in the St. Joseph area.
- Apply by November 13, 2026.

Should applications exceed the maximum number of participants, a selection committee will review applications and select class participants.

Tuition

Tuition for the 2027 program is \$1,850. An invoice will be sent. Tuition is non-refundable, may be paid following notification of acceptance and is due in full by February 5, 2027, unless other payment schedule arrangements have been made.

Instructions for Application Completion

Review program dates to ensure availability for full attendance. Complete each section using available space. For full consideration, please submit completed application by 5:00 p.m. on November 13, 2026, via fax to 816.364.6030 or e-mail to jean.brown@stjosephunitedway.org. You will receive notification that your completed application has been successfully received within 3 business days of receipt. If you do not receive this notification, please call 816.364.2381.

Mission: To improve lives through the caring power of community.

**United Way Leadership St. Joseph
2027 Program Application**

Personal Information

Name_____

First	Middle	Last
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Home Address_____

Street	City	State	Zip
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Home Phone_____ Cell Phone_____

Personal E-mail Address_____

How long have you lived in the St. Joseph area? _____

Employment/Vocation Information

Employer_____

Position/Title_____

Employed at current employer since (month/year) _____

Employer's Address _____

Street	City	State	Zip
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Work Phone _____ Work E-mail Address_____

Supervisor's Name_____ Title_____

Phone number_____ E-mail Address_____

Provide a brief description of responsibilities in your current vocation (i.e., work, volunteerism, or at-home responsibilities):

Education

Name of School/City	Dates Attended	Major	Degree

Please list additional educational background, including: occupational, vocational, and technical training, as well as any other special skills you have.

Leadership Interests and Community Involvement

1. Please list and describe your activities that demonstrate your commitment to your community. If you are new to St. Joseph, please provide information on your involvement in your previous community. Items might include work for schools, neighborhoods, local government, religious affiliations, athletic groups, professional/business, civic and community events.

2. What do you hope to gain from your participation in United Way Leadership St. Joseph?

3. What is one significant issue facing our community that you would like to address?

Program Dates and Attendance Policy

The class will begin with an opening 2-day retreat on January 14-15, 2027, from 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Thereafter, classes will be held from 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month (February – December with the exception of the November class which will be held on Wednesday, November 10 due to the Veteran's Day holiday.).

January 14-15 • February 11 • March 11 • April 8 • May 13 • June 10 • July 8
August 12 • September 9 • October 14 • November 10 • December 9

The attendance requirements have been established because of the value that each participant brings to the program. The program has been designed to bring together individuals of varying backgrounds, interests and areas of expertise. Participants gain a wealth of community insight, information and contacts through their classmates' full participation. **Because attendance is such a vital component of the program, participants and their employers must commit to fulfilling and supporting the fulfillment of the following requirements:**

- Attendance at the monthly program sessions.
- Active participation in the group project and presentation. (The group project generally involves outside-of-class meeting time as scheduled by each group.)

Understandably, emergency situations may occur that prevent a participant from attending a program session. Emergency situations will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Employer and Applicant Commitment

It is my understanding that the United Way Leadership St. Joseph program is a participatory learning experience and requires regular attendance and participation. Fulfillment of the attendance policy is essential to graduate from the program. The applicant has our full support, which includes the time required to participate in the United Way Leadership St. Joseph program.

Applicant Signature_____ Date_____

Employer Name_____

Employer Signature_____ Date_____

Please contact Jean Brown if you have any questions. Return the completed application via e-mail or fax by 5:00 p.m., November 13, 2026 to Jean Brown, Director of United Way Leadership St. Joseph:

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