



Montrose U Leadership
Class of 2022
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Because the quality of a community depends on the capability of its leaders.

Montrose U Leadership Class creates a legion of leaders who understand Montrose past and present and intend to fully participate in its future. Alumni are prepared to confidently meet existing challenges through the development of:

- solution based leadership competencies
 - abilities to broker difficult interactions
 - lead organizations skillfully
 - develop key relationships
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As a class participant you can expect to:

- Learn the Uncompahgre Valley History including the leadership, vision, and compromises required for us to be the community we are today
- Have a knowledge of your own leadership style and how to work with other leadership styles for the good of the community
- Meet local government leaders including City Council, County Commissioners, your Representative, and Senator and others who serve in many capacities
- Gain an education about local challenges and accomplishments from education, healthcare, water rights, agriculture, manufacturing, and others
- Know the election process and what it takes to run for office
- Learn Robert's Rules and the responsibility of serving on a board or directors
- Have the knowledge to be a Director or person who answers to a Board of Directors
- Know your own passions and what opportunities exist to serve our community that fit in your wheelhouse
- Be able to mentor the next leadership classes in Montrose
- Learn about our tax base, such as Tabor, Gallagher, Amendment 23, and be able to explain the tax base to others



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Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Business/Organization _____

Position _____ Years with current business/organization _____

General description of job or organizational responsibilities: _____

Years in Montrose County: _____

We offer one Incentive Position annually to encourage applicants from under-represented areas to apply to Montrose U Leadership Class and to promote a greater diversity of class members. The tuition for this incentive position will be waived. If you are interested in being considered for the Incentive Position please indicate by checking the appropriate box.

I am interested in applying for the Incentive Position. Yes _____ No _____

Application Deadline: Friday, September 3, 2021 @ 5pm

Please email your completed application to Mikayla Unruh: munruh@cityofmontrose.org

You will receive notification if selected by Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

Full payment of \$600 is due upon notification. Please contact the City of Montrose with questions:

(970) 240 - 1421 or by emailing munruh@cityofmontrose.org



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The Montrose U Leadership Selection Committee seeks to build a graduating class that reflects the geographic, social, ethnic, and occupational diversity of Montrose County. Please provide the following information in a separate document:

Biography and Service - Please describe your background, education, career history and experience, and the skills, talents and expertise you bring to the leadership class and community. Please include any history of community involvement and volunteer service.

Interest and Expectations - Please indicate your interest in and motivation to join Montrose U Leadership Class 2022, reasons for applying and what you personally hope to get out of participating in the Leadership Program.

Problems and Opportunities - Please identify and discuss two particular problems and/or opportunities you think are critical to the future of Montrose County and how would you handle each one.

Personal and Community - Please describe the single most important thing you have done for yourself and the single most important thing you have done for your community.

Hopes and Aspirations - Please describe the areas of leadership and/or community knowledge you hope to grow in by being a Montrose U Leadership participant and the aspirations you have to serve the community in a leadership role.



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Contract of Understanding

I fully understand Montrose U Leadership Class is a nine month course which includes a three-day trip to the State Capital. I understand community sponsors subsidize tuition which partially covers my participation in the program, and that these sponsors have faith I will successfully fulfill all program requirements including arriving on time, staying for the duration of each module, attending all scheduled activities, and being a valuable participant in group activities and discussions. Photos will be taken during most sessions and I understand these might be used in program promotional materials. I understand *any falsification of information supplied in my application* will result in immediate dismissal from the program. I also understand the Leadership Class has a very limited number of participants and by signing this **Contract of Understanding** I am making a commitment, if selected, to fill one of these spots. Email notice reminders will be sent each month with session times, locations and additional information. Meals are provided during the program sessions. Please carefully review the **Class Schedule** for session dates **before agreeing.**

- Friday, September 10, 2021 8am-5pm
- Friday, October 8, 2021 8am-5pm
- Friday, November 12, 2021 8am-5pm
- Friday, December 10, 2021 8am-5pm
- Friday, January 14, 2022 8am-5pm
- Friday, February 11, 2022 8am-5pm
- Friday, March 11, 2022 8am-5pm

TENTATIVE LEGISLATIVE TRIP TO DENVER: APRIL 13 - 15, 2022

- Friday, May 13, 2022 8am-5pm
- GRADUATION: Friday, May 20, 2021 5pm-8pm

By signing I pledge that if I am selected as a class member I will fully participate and do everything in my power to make **Montrose U Leadership Class of 2022** a success.

Signature of Applicant

Date

My employer understands participation in Montrose U Leadership Class of 2022 requires my absence from work on a monthly basis for at least one day.

Signature of Employer

Date