

# NEWS

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Meadowlands Regional Chamber of Commerce offering Scholarships to Bergen LEADS program.

Bergen County: The Meadowlands Regional Chamber of Commerce (MRCC), a leading business service organization in the South Bergen area, is offering scholarships to its members who are accepted into Bergen LEADS, an innovative, 10-month learning and leadership program for adults who live or work in Bergen County.

Men and women from private sector, nonprofit agencies and government organizations, as well as community volunteers, are encouraged to complete the user friendly application form at [www.bergenleads.org](http://www.bergenleads.org) before Thursday, April 2, 2009, to begin a process that will get them energized, educated and excited about where they live and work. Tuition for the program is \$2000; the Meadowlands Chamber will offer scholarships to up to four of its members who are accepted into the Class of 2010. MRCC members are invited to contact the Chamber at 201-939-0707 for more information about the scholarship opportunity

Bergen LEADS is sponsored by the Volunteer Center of Bergen County, which has successfully engaged Bergen County residents in community service for over 40 years. Bergen LEADS carries on that tradition by providing an extraordinarily rich, diverse and interesting program—led by former Bergen County Executive William “Pat” Schuber—focusing on topical issues, leadership and community trusteeship.

“We’re seeking individuals from all ethnic, racial and socio-economic backgrounds who espouse different political, religious and social views,” says Mr.

Schuber. “In short, we want our class to represent and celebrate the rich diversity of Bergen County.”

Participants will be selected on the basis of demonstrated interest in the community, achievement in their professions and/or volunteer activities, and potential for responsible and effective leadership.

For additional information about Bergen LEADS, call 201-489-9454. ext. 119, or email [amissey@bergenvolunteers.org](mailto:amissey@bergenvolunteers.org).

The mission of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County is to strengthen the community by connecting people with opportunities to serve, operating model volunteer programs, building capacity for effective volunteering, and participating in strategic partnerships that meet community needs.

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