



2026 Neighborhood Leadership Academy

Thank you for your interest in the Michigan City Neighborhood Leadership Academy.

If you have questions about the program, please call 219-873-1211.

Applications accepted through Sept. 24, 2026, while spots are still available.

Contact Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer's Name/Retired From: _____

Neighborhood:

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| ☐ Barker Woods | ☐ Gardena Park | ☐ Shoreland Hills |
| ☐ Beechwood | ☐ Greenwood | ☐ Southgate |
| ☐ Birch Tree Farms | ☐ Hawthorne Park | ☐ Southwood |
| ☐ Canada | ☐ Jefferson | ☐ Midtown |
| ☐ CBD | ☐ Lakeland | ☐ Suburban Estates |
| ☐ Coolspring Acres | ☐ Lakeside Glen | ☐ Tall Timbers |
| ☐ Cushman Acres | ☐ Marsh | ☐ The Shores |
| ☐ Eastport | ☐ Mott's Woods | ☐ The Woodland |
| ☐ Davidson Manor | ☐ Mayfield Place | ☐ Tryon Farm |
| ☐ Eddyville | ☐ Midtown West | ☐ Village Green |
| ☐ Edgewood | ☐ Near Westside | ☐ Westside |
| ☐ Edgewood Forest | ☐ Oakwood Manor | ☐ White Oak Manor |
| ☐ Elston Grove | ☐ Old Greenwood | ☐ Unlisted |
| ☐ Forest Manor | ☐ Queens | ☐ Unknown |

Ward:

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| ☐ 1 st Ward | ☐ 3 rd Ward | ☐ 5 th Ward | ☐ Unknown |
| ☐ 2 nd Ward | ☐ 4 th Ward | ☐ 6 th Ward | |

Are you 18 years of age or older? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you live within the City limits? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Academy Fall 2026 Schedule

The MCNLA will meet the following dates & times:

Thursday, Oct. 1st - 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Saturday, Oct. 24th – 8 am to Noon

Thursday, Oct. 8th – 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Thursday, Oct. 29th – 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Thursday, Oct. 15 – 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Thursday, Nov. 5th – 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Saturday, Oct. 17th – 8:00 am to Noon

Thursday, Nov. 12th – 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Participants MUST be able to attend the Cornerstone Class sessions
on Saturday, Oct. 17th & Oct. 24th.**

If selected as an MCNLA participant, can you commit to attending Cornerstone Classes?

- ☐ Yes, I can commit to these dates if selected for the MCNLA.
☐ No, I may not be able to attend one or more sessions due to scheduling conflicts.

If selected as an MCNLA participant, can you commit to attending all sessions?

- ☐ Yes, I can commit to these dates if selected for the MCNLA.
☐ No, I may not be able to attend one or more sessions due to scheduling conflicts.

**In order to graduate from the Michigan City Neighborhood Leadership Academy,
you must attend AT LEAST 6 of 8 sessions as well as complete all assignments and projects.**

Getting To Know You

Did you participate in the 2020 Neighborhood Leadership Academy?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you completed the Michigan City Police Citizen's Police Academy?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a member of a neighborhood association or group?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Name: _____

Have you served on any boards or commissions?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Name Most Recent: _____

Are you presently active in any community organization?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, Please List the Group & Your Title (if any): _____

Education: List school(s), degree or years completed:

Training programs or special courses, workshops, etc.: _____

Special skills: _____

How did you hear about the program?

(Check all that apply)

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| ☐ Facebook (Council Office) | ☐ Word of Mouth |
| ☐ Facebook (City) | ☐ Referred by: |
| ☐ Website (City) | ☐ Other: _____ |

Open Ended Questions

Responses to the following questions will be reviewed, scored, and used for selection

What questions do you have about the City of Michigan City government?

Please describe your past and present involvement in your community.

What influences your desire to be a leader in your community?

What three skills would you most like to acquire and improve in this academy?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What kinds of projects would you like to see done in your neighborhood?

What are some of your most important accomplishments through volunteering?

How much personal time a week or month do you now commit to neighborhood or civic activities?

What do you consider the major issues facing our community today?

Suggest some possible approaches for dealing with them.

What is the best part of your neighborhood?

Additional Information (Optional)
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Age Group

- ☐ 18-20
- ☐ 20-29
- ☐ 30-39
- ☐ 40-49
- ☐ 50-59
- ☐ 60-69
- ☐ 70-79
- ☐ 80 or over

Race & Ethnicity *(Check all that apply)*

- ☐ Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ White
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ American Indian and Alaska Native
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Prefer Not to Answer

Emergency Contact

Please provide information for one individual we should contact in case of an emergency during an MCNLA function.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature

By signing this application and registration form, you confirm that the information you have provided is true to the best of our knowledge and that you agree to the conditions of participation in Michigan City's Neighborhood Leadership Academy.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Participant Code of Conduct

The Michigan City Neighborhood Leadership Academy is committed to creating a respectful, inclusive, and productive learning environment. This Code of Conduct establishes clear expectations for participant behavior during Academy sessions, related events, and online interactions.

1. *Respect and Professionalism*

Participants are expected to treat fellow classmates, speakers, facilitators, city officials, and community members with courtesy, dignity, and respect. This includes actively listening when others are speaking and valuing diverse perspectives, experiences, and backgrounds.

2. *Appropriate Communication*

All communication should be respectful, constructive, and professional. Participants are expected to use language and conduct that foster a positive learning environment and refrain from disruptive, offensive, hostile, or discriminatory behavior.

3. *Recording and Privacy*

To encourage open discussion and protect participant privacy, filming, recording, photographing, or live-streaming Academy sessions is not permitted without prior authorization from Academy staff.

4. *Compliance and Enforcement*

This Code of Conduct will be enforced consistently to maintain a safe, respectful, and productive environment for all participants. Individuals who engage in inappropriate behavior or violate these expectations may be removed from the program at the discretion of Academy leadership.

Photography Notice

Please note that photographs may be taken during Academy events and used for marketing, promotional, and educational purposes. By attending Academy activities, participants grant permission for their image to be used by EDCMC and its partners in print, digital, social media, and other promotional materials.

_____ Initial that you agree to this statement and will abide by the code of conduct for the academy.