The Emerging Leaders Program opened my eyes to new perspectives on leadership, community involvement, civic engagement, and professional development. I’m happy that I participated in the program!

-Michelle Nelson
(EL 2018)
**WHO IS THE EL PROGRAM FOR?**
Mid-level professionals who either live or work in Montgomery County and are rising within the public, private, or nonprofit sectors. Typically, these professionals have at least 3 years of work experience in their field, are looking to enhance their abilities through professional development and plan a progressive career path toward higher positions of leadership.

**WHAT DOES THE EL PROGRAM COST?**
The full tuition cost is $2,850. Tuition assistance is available. Tuition covers all costs including food, retreats and member benefits & events during the program year.

**WHEN DOES THE EL PROGRAM TAKE PLACE?**
The SLM Program dates run from September 17, 2021 to May 13, 2022. A complete list of session dates can be found on our website. Applications open January 19, 2021.

**WHAT ARE THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS?**
Applicants MUST:
- Be a rising leader within their organization or industry and either live or work in Montgomery County
- Have the full support of the organization for whom the participant works
- Complete and submit an application for the EL Program AND
- Submit 2 letters of recommendation by April 23, 2021

**WHAT IS THE BENEFIT TO ME AND MY COMPANY?**
Graduates leave the program as part of an exclusive alumni network of more than 2,500 emerging and established leaders who are better informed of county history and present-day realities. They also emerge better connected to the people, organizations, and service opportunities that can collectively move Montgomery County forward.

Our Graduates can expect to:
- Learn from a mentor
- Enhance their resume
- Build their professional network
- Sharpen their skills in negotiation, relationship building, public speaking and conflict resolution

Organizations supportive of their staff member’s participation can gain additional visibility and recognition as being committed to the improvement of Montgomery County as well as engaged employees with access to a network that can assist in helping businesses thrive.

Applications due April 23, 2021