2026 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday Sessions: May 31-June 2 & June 28-30, 2026

About the program:
Developed by University of Illinois Extension, in partnership with UCCI, the Leadership Academy provides training on issues of value to elected and appointed county officials. Topics covered include managing change, using data for decision making, assessing your leadership style, managing economic development, crisis communication and more. The Leadership Academy offers a learning network and cutting-edge information for anyone seeking to manage and lead more effectively. Instructional sessions allow participants to learn, share and apply a variety of pertinent topics.

Costs:
Participation is limited to 30 individuals. Participation in at least five of the six instructional days is required to graduate. There are no fees for meals, materials or lodging. Participants successfully completing the Academy receive round-trip mileage reimbursement. Mileage is calculated from the county seat of the member county to the Champaign University of Illinois campus.

Leadership Academy Coordinator:	Academy Location:
Mark C. White, Ph.D.	I Hotel & Illinois Conference Center
University of Illinois Extension	1900 S 1st St, Champaign, IL 61820

REGISTRATION FORM
ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE @ unitedcounties.com

Applicant nomination deadline is May 1 or once capacity is reached. One applicant per member county; additional county applicants are held on wait list and added if there is availability. Apply online or complete and return the form below. Please call UCCI with any questions or concerns.

Name: _____   County: _____

Title - Board Member/Commissioner/County Office: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____   Email: _____

Applicants are advised of 2026 Leadership Academy acceptance via email.