



MIDWEST FOOD
PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION

Leadership Academy

The Midwest Food Leadership Academy is a multi-day leadership program designed to empower senior leaders in the food manufacturing industry with the strategic skills, operational insights, and collaborative mindset needed to drive innovation and growth.



Wisconsin Dells
Dec. 3

Kalahari Resort &
Convention Center



Green Bay
Feb. 25-26

Lodge Kohler &
Hinterland Brewery



Plover
April 8-9

Food + Farm
Exploration Center



La Crosse
May 10-11

The Charmant
Hotel

2027 Cohort Details:

- **Applications Due:** Oct. 30
- **Cost:** \$1695
- **Commit to Attending All Programming**

Tuition covers all program expenses, participant meals and hotel accommodations for the February, April & May sessions. Hotel rooms, if needed, must be booked separately for the December session, which takes place during the MWFPA Annual Convention.

Why Participate?

Over four sessions, participants will gain the tools necessary to lead confidently in a rapidly evolving sector through immersive workshops, expert-led sessions, and peer networking.

Graduation Day:

May 11, 2027

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More Details:

This multi-day leadership program is tailored for rising professionals in the food manufacturing industry, equipping them with the tools and insights needed to lead effectively in a dynamic and highly regulated environment. Participants will engage in hands-on workshops and expert-led sessions covering core leadership principles, strategic management, and staff culture development. Emphasis will be placed on cultivating a proactive mindset, fostering innovation, and building resilient teams that can adapt to industry shifts and operational challenges.

Key program highlights include specialized training in public policy, human resources, company culture, strategic planning and more. Additionally, safety protocols, regulatory compliance and risk management will be addressed, ensuring leaders are prepared to uphold rigorous standards while promoting a culture of accountability and care.

The program also focuses on practical problem-solving and innovation, encouraging participants to tackle real-world scenarios. Leaders will explore how to drive continuous improvement, manage cross-functional teams, and align operational goals with broader organizational values. By the end of the program, participants will be equipped not only with technical knowledge but also with the strategic vision and interpersonal skills needed to lead with confidence and integrity in the food manufacturing sector.

How to Apply:

To apply to the Midwest Food Leadership Academy, **please submit the following materials by Friday, October 30** to lauren.danuser@mwfpa.org or fill out the form at mwfpa.org/leadershipacademy.

- 200-400 word responses to the following questions:
 - What leadership skills do you hope to develop during this program?
 - What leadership qualities and experience will you bring to the group?
- Current Resume
- Name & contact information of the person who nominated you or your current supervisor if you are nominating yourself

Presented By:

