



Elevate Elmira Entrepreneurs is a six-week mentoring and networking program for entrepreneurs in the City of Elmira.

The goal of this program is to help individuals with businesses find their career pathway to success by giving them the benefits of Chamber membership, providing classes taught by experts on vital business topics, and introducing them to mentors who can help them along the way.

This program is provided courtesy of the Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative and the Chemung County Chamber of Commerce. To qualify, **you must be an individual with an in-home or storefront business in City of Elmira Census Tract 6, 7 or 10. You must also be able to attend the six sessions, as listed below.**

June 5th — Evolving Your Business Plan & Business Housekeeping 101

June 12th — Creating Your Pitch: Presentation & Networking Skills

June 19th — Human Resource Best Practices

June 26th — Financing & Grant Opportunities

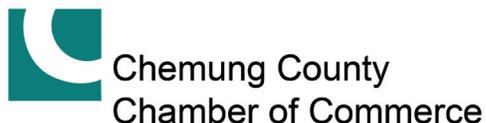
July 10th — Social Media Strategies & Public Relations

July 17th — Community Involvement & Three-Year Growth Strategy Presentations

All classes are held on Tuesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Chemung County Chamber of Commerce, Lower Level Board Room.

In addition to these sessions and being paired with a mentor, participants will also receive a two-year Chemung Chamber membership, which includes being able to attend specific Chamber events and educational programs at no cost during that time, sponsored by the Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative grant. Participants are expected to take advantage of these opportunities.

To apply, interested individuals must complete the attached application form and complete an interview with members of the Elevate Elmira Entrepreneurs Task Force.





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2018 Application Form

Please feel free to use the back of this form for additional space if necessary. **Return this form with one personal letter of reference and one professional letter of reference by Friday, May 11th** to the Chemung County Chamber of Commerce, 400 East Church St., Elmira, NY 14901.

You will be contacted for an interview with Elevate Elmira Entrepreneurs Task Force members shortly after receipt of your application. Please feel free to bring any sort of documents outlining your business plan or a portfolio of your work to the interview, if you choose.

Please contact the Chamber at (607) 734-5137 or tara@chemungchamber.org with any questions regarding the application process.

Name: _____

Primary Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Website and Social Media Page Addresses: _____

Please Describe Your Business (including its purpose and how long it's been in operation):

Please Describe What You Hope to Gain from the Elevate Elmira Entrepreneurs Program:

Have You Filed a DBA? _____

Are You Additionally Employed by Another Business? Yes No

If So, What Business? _____

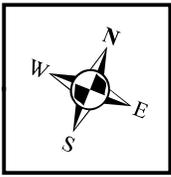
Are You Pursuing Certification as a MWBE (Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprise) or Would You Be Interested in Doing So? Yes No

Please Briefly Describe Your Educational Background:

Please Briefly Describe Any Other Community or Professional Activities:

Candidate Signature: _____ Date: _____

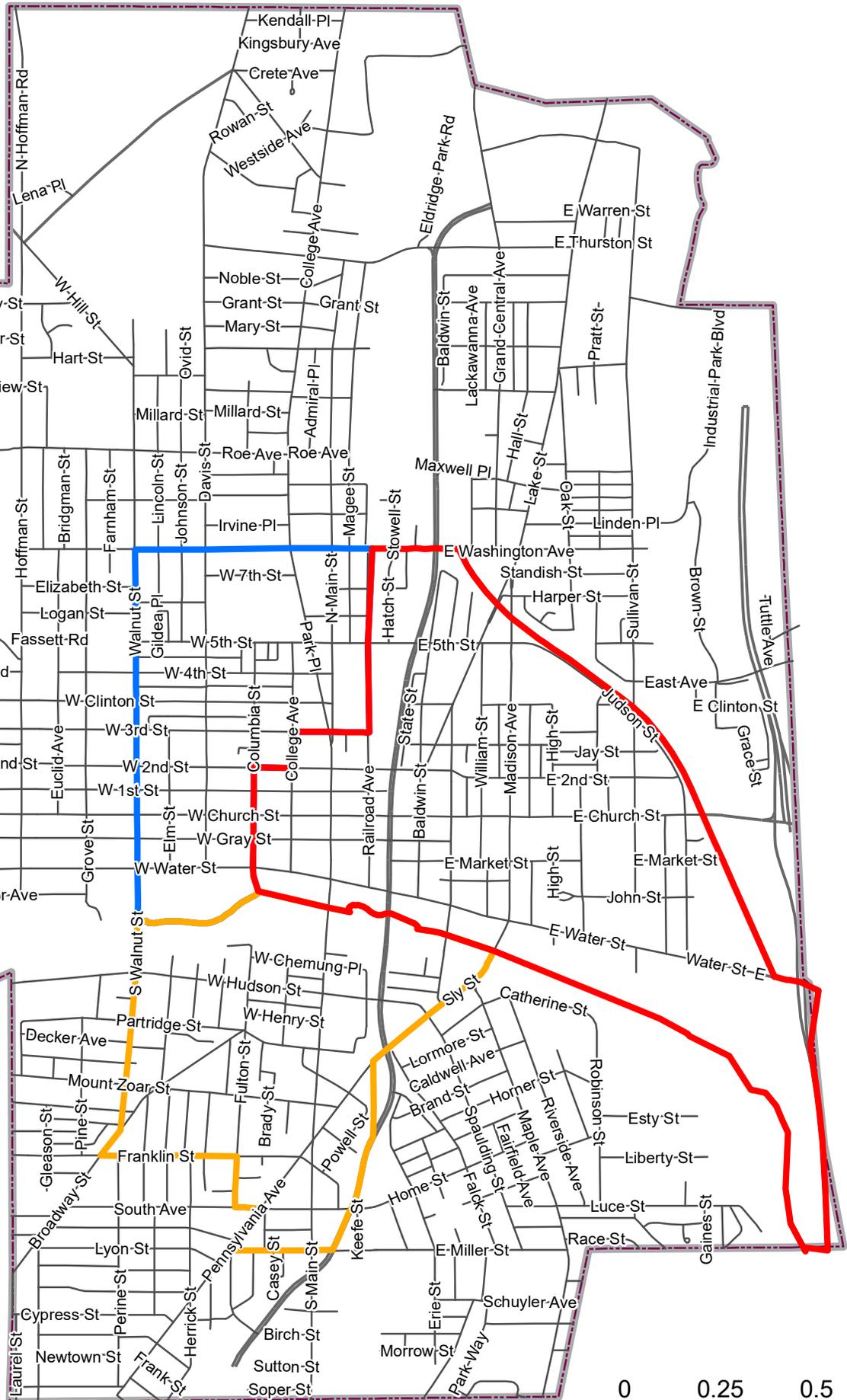
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- ▭ Census Tract 7
- ▭ Census Tract 10
- City Road 2016



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