



Small Business Counseling, Classes, and Workshops

(Many Free or Low Cost)

Basic Start-Up Information

Central Library's Small Business Resource Center

Business and Social Sciences Division
115 South Ave., Rochester, NY • 585-428-8130; www.roccitylibrary.org
Provides a business information research service for business planning, hosts free small business workshops, and more.

College at Brockport Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

55 St. Paul St., Rochester, NY • 585-395-8410; www.nyssbdc.org
Offers free counseling, training, and business research on starting and running a business. The SBDC assists with New York State M/WBE certification applications and more.

Rochester Professional Consultants Network (RPCN)

2604 Elmwood Ave. Ste. 294 • 585-348-7142; www.rochesterconsultants.org
Enables its members to develop premier consulting businesses by providing access to networking, education, and mutual support.

SCORE, Greater Rochester Chapter

100 State St., Room 410, Rochester, NY • 585-263-6473;
www.greaterrochester.score.org; www.score.org (national organization)
Supports the aspiring and current small business owner through free counseling, mentoring, and a variety of free or low-cost workshops on small business topics. SCORE also advises nonprofits.

Urban League of Rochester, N.Y., Inc. Business Development Center

265 North Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY • 585-325-6530, ext. 3066;
www.ulr.org
Offers one-on-one technical assistance and workshops on starting and running a business with a focus on minority, women, veteran-owned businesses, dislocated workers, the disabled, and all other aspiring (and current) business owners. Assistance with New York State M/WBE Certification is provided.

More Helpful Small Business Resources

Center for Urban Entrepreneurship at Rochester Institute of Technology

40 Franklin St., Rochester, NY • 585-475-6092; www.rit.edu/business/cue
Assists businesses, including startups, located within the urban community and/or doing business within the urban community through workshops and programs.

Central Library's Chester F. Carlson Patent and Trademark Center

Science and History Division
115 South Ave., Rochester, NY • 585-428-8110; www.carlsonptrc.org
Provides the resources for an inventor to conduct a thorough patent and trademark search, evaluate an invention's marketability, and more.

City of Rochester Department of Neighborhood and Business Development

City Hall, 30 Church St., Rochester, NY • 585-428-6912;
www.cityofrochester.gov/hbd
Works to increase economic vitality in underserved areas, assist and develop industry, and create jobs for its citizens.

Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce

150 State Street, Suite 400, Rochester, NY • 585-244-1800

www.greaterrochesterchamber.com

Supports businesses and economic growth in the Greater Rochester area through advocacy, networking opportunities, workforce training, and more.

NextCorps (formerly High Tech Rochester)

150 Lucius Gordon Dr., Suite 100, West Henrietta, NY

585-214-2400; www.nextcorps.org

Provides a suite of services including business incubation for high growth potential startups and growth services for existing manufacturers.

Monroe County Clerk's Office

101 County Office Bldg., 39 West Main St., Rochester, NY • 585-753-1600;

www.monroecounty.gov/clerk-dba.php

Accepts and files Doing Business As (DBA) certificates of persons conducting business under an assumed business name.

Monroe County Finger Lakes Procurement

Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)

50 West Main St., Suite 8100, Rochester, NY • 585-753-2015 or

585-753-2017; www.monroecountyfingerlakesptac.org

Works with businesses to identify, compete for, and win government contracts.

New York State Business Express

518-485-5000 (Albany, NY); www.businessexpress.ny.gov

Provides information on starting a business in New York State including State-required business licenses/permits using the Business Wizard tool.

Pathstone Enterprise Center, Inc.

400 East Ave., Rochester, NY • 585-340-3304;

www.theenterprisecenterinc.com

Provides small business loans with support, especially for promising businesses that have been unable to access capital from traditional sources.

The Commissary

Metropolitan Building • 585-263-6954; www.rochestercommissary.org

Offers workshops and a licensed commercial incubator kitchen (fully operational in 2018) in downtown Rochester for aspiring food business entrepreneurs.

The Entrepreneurs Network (TEN)

50 West Main St., Suite 8100, Rochester, NY • 585-753-2031;

www.ten-ny.org

Provides an entrepreneurial training program for accepted applicants affiliated with new ventures or established firms with business operations primarily in Upstate New York.

U.S. Small Business Administration (Rochester Branch Office)

100 State St, Room 410, Rochester, NY • 585-263-6700;

www.sba.gov/offices/district/ny/buffalo; www.sba.gov

Provides information on small business loans and small business start-up.

Volunteer Legal Services Project of Monroe County, Inc.

Micro-Entrepreneur Pro Bono Program

585-295-5703; www.vlsprochester.org/micro-entrepreneur-pro-bono-program

Gives free legal assistance to eligible low income individuals, who wish to start or develop businesses in economically distressed Monroe County neighborhoods.

**For more business resources in the Greater Rochester/
Finger Lakes Region, see RocGrowth at www.rocgrowth.com**

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