

**SMALL BUSINESSES  
BLACK, INDIGENOUS,  
PEOPLE OF COLOR**

LEADERSHIP  
EMPOWERMENT  
ADVOCACY  
DIVERSITY

**LEAD**

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Greetings,

The LEAD Duluth Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce we are seeking nominations to award a scholarship opportunity to empower our diverse and small business communities for the 2022-2023 Leadership Duluth Program. Leadership Duluth's mission is to identify, educate and inspire leaders to take action. The program is designed to orient, develop and network existing and emerging leaders. We welcome you to learn more about Leadership Duluth by going to [www.leadershipduluth.com](http://www.leadershipduluth.com) or clicking [HERE](#).

Nominees should demonstrate character, personal merit, and commitment to developing the Duluth community. Merit is demonstrated through leadership in school or work, civic and extracurricular activities, philanthropic involvement, and motivation to serve and succeed.

When applying, please take into consideration the time commitment this program requires. The class meets once a month for a full business day for a span of 10 months and scholarship recipients are expected to attend all sessions.

## NOMINATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Candidate completes the scholarship application and submits a letter of recommendation from a professional reference by 4 p.m. on June 27<sup>th</sup> to LEADDuluthScholarship@gmail.com. (The letter of recommendation should provide perspective and outline why and how you as a candidate best fit the LEAD Duluth Scholarship criteria).
2. The LEAD Duluth Scholarship Committee evaluates nominations and notify all candidates of scholarship selection result by **July 22, 2022**. If candidate is selected, the LEAD Duluth Scholarship will fund their tuition.
3. Candidates not selected are strongly encouraged to apply to Leadership Duluth if funding through other means is an option.

For questions or more information about the scholarship, please feel free to contact the LEAD Duluth Scholarship Committee at LEADDuluthScholarship@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

LEAD Duluth Scholarship Committee

*All forms are due by **4:00 pm on Monday, June 27, 2022**.  
Completed applications will be reviewed in order of receipt.  
Candidates will be notified of the scholarship candidate selection by **July 22, 2022**.*



## LEAD Duluth Scholarship Application and Eligibility Form

The LEAD Duluth Scholarship seeks to empower our diverse and small business community members through providing access to the Duluth Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Duluth Program.

Please answer the following application and eligibility questions and return along with a letter of recommendation to the LEAD Duluth Scholarship Committee via email at LEADDuluthScholarship@gmail.com no later than 4 p.m. on June 27, 2022. Please limit your answers to 150 words per question.

1. Bio: Please supply an 80 - 100 word introduction of yourself. If you are selected for the 2022-2023 class, we will use this information in the class booklet.
2. Why have you chosen to live or work in the Twin Ports area?
3. What do you consider your most important professional accomplishment to date?
4. Please list up to three community (collegiate, volunteer, civic, etc.) organizations with which you have been involved in the last 3 years, noting any leadership positions you held.
5. What do you expect to learn in Leadership Duluth? How will you hope to employ your newly acquired skills after you complete Leadership Duluth?

The Leadership Empowerment Advocacy Diversity (LEAD) Duluth Scholarship is available to individuals who meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria (please check all that apply):

	Do you own/operate a small business?
	1-3 Employees
	3-5 Employees
	5-10 Employees
	Other _____ (please list how many)
	Do you Identify as BIPOC?
	Are you employed by a company or organization for whom the tuition fee would be a financial hardship?

\_\_\_\_\_ If you choose to be recognized, please initial – This gives consent to be listed as a LEAD Duluth Scholarship recipient in Leadership Duluth literature, marketing, and/or media.



## LEAD Duluth Scholarship Commitment

As you are applying for this scholarship, please take into consideration the time commitment this program requires. If you are selected to participate in the Leadership Duluth Class of 2023, you will need to be able to devote one full business day per month for 10 consecutive months to attend the class as well as time outside of class to work on your service project.

Yes, I, \_\_\_\_\_, will **commit to attending all 10 full-day** Leadership Duluth Sessions as listed on the Leadership Duluth Website for the 2022-2023 class.

Signature of Applicant	Date

