

Class of 2011 Program Application

Leadership Montana



Montana faces a changing and challenging economy, ever more complex issues regarding the health and security of our people, our management of natural resources, and an increasing need for business, education, government, and communities to be partners for a strong, growing Montana. Progress depends on developing a sustainable core of committed leaders who understand these issues, are willing to listen to and learn from each other, celebrate cultural diversity and diverse opinions, and demonstrate a passion for the Last Best Place. This is the Mission of Leadership Montana.

Leadership Montana Selection Committee

C/o Leadership Montana
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INSTRUCTIONS: Complete your application online (then print and mail), type or print clearly. Applications can be downloaded from our website www.leadershipmontana.org. Limit your responses to the space provided. Applications must be signed by you and your employer/sponsor, if applicable. Tuition for Class of 2011 is \$2,500 per participant. A \$25 non-refundable application fee **must** be submitted with the application.

1. PERSONAL

Name: _____
Last First Middle First Name You Prefer

Home Address: _____
Number Street City Zip County

Home Phone: (____) _____ Preferred E-mail: _____

Business Address: _____
Number Street City Zip County

Business Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: _____

Birth Date: _____ Gender M F Hobbies and Interest: _____

How long have you lived in Montana: _____ years? How long do you expect to remain in Montana? _____

Send mail to my: Home Address _____ or Business Address _____

How did you learn about Leadership Montana? _____

Leadership Montana is committed to selecting a class which is diverse in ideas and representative of urban rural, racial, cultural, gender, and ethnic diversity. Your response to the following will assist the Selection Committee in determining class mix.

- Caucasian African American Hispanic Asian/Pacific Islander Native American
 Rural interests Urban interests Other _____

Check **one** of the following categories which best describes your present employment/avocation:

Business

- Retail/Sm business
 Manufacturing/Mining
 Banks/ Finance
 Professional: _____
 Ag/Timber
 Insurance/Real Estate
 Small Business
 Other: _____

Non-Profit

- Labor
 Religious Organization
 Healthcare
 Social Services
 Cultural Organization
 Trade Associations
 Other _____

Government

- Education (K-12) Retired
 Higher Education
 Federal Government Volunteer
 State Government
 County/City Government
 Tribal Government
 Other Elected Office

2. PRESENT EMPLOYMENT AND/OR VOLUNTEER WORK

Current Organization _____ Beginning Date _____

Type of Organization _____ Job Title _____

Are you subject to transfer? _____ Yes _____ No _____ Unlikely

List Prior Employment

Name of Employer	Job Title	Dates
1. _____		
2. _____		

What do you consider your most significant contributions, highest career achievements, or recognitions related to your work and/or volunteer efforts?

SERVICE

Please list business/professional /faith based/civic organizations/ public or political office or other activities in which you have been active:

Organization	Position Held or Special Recognition	Period of Service
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please state briefly any contributions, achievements, or recognitions in any of the above which you consider significant, including how you exhibited a leadership role.

3. EDUCATION/TRAINING

Please begin with high school, college(s), business or trade schools or other specialized programs:

Degree or Certification

4. LEADERSHIP

We are interested in your personal reflection on leadership. There is no right or wrong answer to this question.

What is leadership?

Please tell us what specific skills/knowledge you hope to gain from your **Leadership Montana** experience; and in return what contribution/gifts/talents/ you feel you could bring to the program?

5. STATEWIDE PERSPECTIVE

One of the goals of Leadership Montana is to build a sustainable network of community leaders who can enhance their problem-solving and other leadership abilities through shared perspectives and working together.

Describe, in your opinion, the most notable opportunity and most significant threat facing Montana today.

Opportunity: _____

Threat: _____

6. REFERENCES

Please list two references. Please notify these people that they may be contacted by this committee for further information.

Name	Organization	work phone	home phone
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7. TUITION AND FUNDING

Tuition for the Class of 2011 is \$2,500 per participant. Participants must pay for their own transportation/lodging/misc. for each session. Meals and all course materials during the program will be provided. **The application fee is \$25 and is non-refundable.** Checks should be made payable to “**Leadership Montana.**”

8. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: “The Leadership Montana Scholarship Fund”

Limited Scholarships are available on the basis of need, and may provide full or partial funding.

Please check here if you need financial assistance. After the selection process is complete, you will be contacted for more information. Awarding of financial assistance is solely at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

9. COMMITMENT

Candidates for **Leadership Montana** must be concerned about the future of the state and be committed to personal involvement in shaping Montana’s future. In order to accomplish **Leadership Montana’s** objectives, full commitment and participation of each individual selected is necessary. A participant is expected to attend all sessions. Tuition will not be refunded after the Retreat at Big Sky.

Participation at the Big Sky Orientation and Retreat is mandatory.

The program schedule for the Class of 2011:

2010

September 8-10	Big Sky
October 14-16	Butte
November 17-19	Missoula

2011

January 12-14	Great Falls
February 17-19	Helena
March 23-25	Havre
April 27-29	Billings

Following completion of the program, participants are expected to stay active in **Leadership Montana**, enhancing their leadership experience and helping to strengthen the program for the future. Please consider this ongoing commitment as you apply for the program.

“This vital undertaking begins with a vision for Montana’s future and will be an opportunity for collaboration that spans our geography, our government and communities, and across all lines of business and organizations.”

Full support and encouragement from the applicant's employer is required in terms of financial commitment and/or the time to participate effectively in **Leadership Montana**.

EMPLOYER'S OR SPONSOR'S COMMITMENT

I have reviewed this application and fully support this individual's participation in **Leadership Montana**, and agree to the time and financial commitment required for the program.

Employer's Signature

Name and Title (*Please print*)

APPLICANT'S COMMITMENT

I certify that all of the information I have provided in this application is complete and true.

If selected, I am fully prepared to be an active participant, by attending all sessions, being fully involved, and devoting the time and resources required to complete the **Leadership Montana** program. I am willing to commit my support, volunteer time, energy and skills in future years.

Applicant's Signature

Date: _____

SUBMIT:

- **Application Form (Please review for completeness)**
- **\$25 Application Processing Fee (non-refundable)**

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APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN:
March 31, 2010

Participants are selected by the Leadership Montana Selection Committee on the merits of the information provided on the enclosed application. The Committee seeks representation from a cross-section of the community including rural, urban, business, non-profit, government, gender, and ethnic and minority groups. **Information on this application is used to add diversity and balance to the class. It is not made available outside of Leadership Montana for any other purpose.**

CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT UPON RECEIPT OF APPLICATION
Successful applicants will be notified on or about June 1, 2010.



Thank you for applying for Leadership Montana!