

LEADERSHIP

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in the Leadership Brevard program. Through financial support from alumni and sponsors, LEAD Brevard has a limited pool of funds available to support scholarships for the Leadership Brevard program. All scholarship decisions will be based on the following criteria:

- Strength of interest and investment in the community and the Leadership Brevard program
- Clarity and creativity of intention to use the knowledge and network gained through Leadership Brevard to enhance the Brevard County community
- Financial need

Commitment to Equity, Inclusion and Diversity

LEAD Brevard is committed to building capacity and amplifying the voices of ALL community leaders so that we can achieve a diverse influence to ensure equity in Brevard. Leadership Brevard scholarships promote and increase diversity in the program, welcoming new and different voices and helping to remove financial barriers to participation.

As an intentional strategy toward the goal of increased diversity in the Leadership Brevard program, LEAD Brevard is directing 75% of available scholarship funds to equity, inclusion and diversity awards. The remaining 25% of available scholarship funds will be directed to other qualified community members seeking assistance.

Scholarship Options

There are two types of scholarship funds available. Both scholarships provide financial assistance to individuals who can demonstrate they are unable to afford the current program tuition of \$3,300.

- A) **General Scholarships:** 25% of available funds will be awarded in partial tuition scholarships (\$750 - \$1,000). Entrepreneurs, employees of small businesses (less than 10 employees), the public sector, persons negatively impacted by the COVID pandemic and social benefit organization (nonprofit) staff are priorities for financial assistance.

B) **Equity, Inclusion and Diversity:** 75% of available funds will be awarded to individuals from a historically underrepresented racial group or cultural identity. These scholarships range from partial support to full tuition. In complete transparency, scholarships for Leadership Brevard 2022 will be prioritized to increase the number of Black/African American individuals in the program, with this goal evaluated annually.

Confidential Scholarship Review Process

LEAD Brevard's financial assistance funds are limited, so it is important the funds are allocated efficiently. To ensure a fair and equitable process, each applicant is required to complete the scholarship application form. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

All responses are confidential and are only shared with the Scholarship Review Task Force. The task force is comprised of LEAD Brevard Board members and Leadership Brevard alumni who review all financial assistance requests and determine the amount of each award based on scholarship criteria and available funds.

Scholarship Application Deadline

To ensure that we make equitable and informed decisions about financial assistance, **please complete the attached form and return by June 15, 2021:**

Complete online Jotform Link: <https://form.jotform.com/210704525291146>

Award Notification

You will be contacted in **July 2021** informing you of any scholarship award.