



**LEADERSHIP
GREATER
BRIDGEPORT**
A BRBC PROGRAM

2018 - 2019 APPLICATION

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

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ABOUT LEADERSHIP GREATER BRIDGEPORT

Leadership Greater Bridgeport, a community leadership development program founded in 1990, is seeking candidates who have the desire to assume roles of responsibility in political, civic, and professional organizations. Leadership Greater Bridgeport seeks to inspire a commitment to serve and to develop the participants' skills so that they will have a positive impact on the future of the Greater Bridgeport region. Leadership Greater Bridgeport helps participants understand issues which impact the local community and business environment by direct involvement with those who are at the center of these issues. Leadership Greater Bridgeport is an affiliate of the Bridgeport Regional Business Council.

MISSION STATEMENT

To identify the leaders of tomorrow, nurture their growth through training and education, and then identify the areas where they, acting either as individuals or as an alumni group, can do the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

PURPOSE OF SELECTION PROCESS

The purpose of the Leadership Greater Bridgeport selection process is to choose a qualified class of 30-35 participants representing the Greater Bridgeport community and coming from a variety of employment and service settings. This diversity creates a positive learning environment and allows for a lively exchange of ideas.

CANDIDATE PROFILE

Qualified individuals demonstrate the following:

- Commitment and motivation to serve the Greater Bridgeport Region
- Potential for growth in personal and professional development
- Desire to participate in community problem solving
- Time to participate in community leadership development

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please complete each section of the application.
2. Application must be typed or printed.
3. Limit answers to space available.
4. One letter of recommendation is required. The letter should state the candidate's abilities and qualities related to successful completion of the Leadership Greater Bridgeport program.
5. The application must be signed by the employer/supervisor and the candidate.

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PROCESS

May - June	Nominations/applications submitted
August	Candidate interviews and acceptance letters mailed
October	Orientation of new class

TUITION

The cost of Leadership Greater Bridgeport is pro-rated based on the size of the business or organization applying:

- Large Businesses (>50 full-time employees, non-profits with budgets > \$10 million) **\$1,950**
- Small Businesses (0-50 full-time employees, non-profits w/budgets between \$5 M and \$10 M) **\$1,800**
- Small Non-profits (budgets < \$5 M), municipal entities, individual proprietorships **\$1,000**

This fee covers all costs: materials, meals, transportation, speakers/instruction, and staff.

Some scholarship assistance may be available for selected applicants. Scholarship support comes from the Janice Martin LGB Scholarship Fund (a special fund of the BRBC Foundation). To be eligible for scholarship assistance, participants should **check the box on page 4** of the application and include the amount requested.

PLEASE NOTE: Request for financial support must be received by August

Applicants who are not employees of BRBC members will be required to provide a 50% tuition deposit upon acceptance into the program. **Balance will be due by January 1, 2019.**

EXPECTATIONS OF PARTICIPANTS

- Attendance at the two-day Orientation in October.
- Attendance at all monthly sessions. Monthly sessions are held on the second Thursday of the month from November through June and run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Those who miss three classes will not be eligible for graduation.**
- Each participant is expected to participate in a group community service project. Projects will be selected during the orientation session.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

2018 DATES: **10/10 & 11** - Kickoff | **11/8** - Program 1 | **12/13** - Program 2

2019 DATES: **1/10** - Program 3 | **2/14** - Program 4 | **3/14** - Program 5 | **4/11** - Program 6 | **5/9** - Program 7
6/13 - Final Day & Commencement

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APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

Name as you wish for name badge: _____

Home Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

EMPLOYMENT DATA : Employer: _____

Date Hired: _____ Job Title: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

EDUCATION (Briefly summarize your educational background | certificates, degrees, licenses received, field(s) of study)

INTERESTS (Please describe your leisure interests)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (List any **CURRENT** volunteer activities)

Organization	From	To	Responsibilities
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

List community/job related organizations in which you have participated (civic, political, religious, cultural)

Organization	From	To	Responsibilities
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

What do you consider your most important accomplishment in one of the above organizations? Why? What role did you play?

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COMMUNITY NEEDS: In your judgement, what are three pressing issues facing the Bridgeport Region.

GENERAL:

What skills/knowledge do you hope to gain from the Leadership experience?

In what areas of community service would you use your Leadership experience?

What are your reasons for wanting to participate in LGB?

INTERVIEW TIMES: Check time you are available. Interviews are held at BRBC offices noted above. A BRBC representative will call to confirm your appointment.

Monday, August 20	Tuesday, August 21	Tuesday, August 21	Wednesday, August 22
___ 1:00 p.m.	___ 9:00 a.m.	___ 1:00 p.m.	___ 9:00 a.m.
___ 2:00 p.m.	___ 10:00 a.m.	___ 2:00 p.m.	___ 10:00 a.m.
___ 3:00 p.m.	___ 11:00 a.m.	___ 3:00 p.m.	___ 11:00 a.m.
___ 4:00 p.m.	___ 12:00 p.m.	___ 4:00 p.m.	___ 12:00 p.m.
			___ 3:30 p.m.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: Request for assistance must be received by August 24, 2018

___ Check here to be considered for financial assistance. What level of assistance do you require? \$ _____

SIGNATURES

Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Employer*: _____ Date: _____

***Employer signature represents endorsement of the candidate, commitment of time for program attendance, and agreement to cover tuition costs**

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