

Dear Applicant,

We are excited that you are considering applying for one of the state's premier leadership programs, which now maintains a prestigious alumni network more than 425 strong. BRLI is an exciting and rewarding professional and personal growth opportunity. As our application pool increases each year, there are some critical items we ask that you consider prior to submitting this application.

Our Mission: *Educate, Challenge, Inspire, Engage, and Connect leaders for the future of the Bangor Region.*

Attendance at every session is a crucial element to your experience in the program, as well as for the other participants who will greatly benefit from your full commitment. The program commences with a two consecutive day requirement (the second Thursday and Friday in October) and the remainder of the curriculum requires one set calendar day on the first Thursday of each month through May.

Every session is mandatory and any absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Your employer should be aware that you will be absent from work and unavailable during class days.

Additionally, your BRLI class will be assigned to work on a project for a selected area nonprofit. This project will require significant extracurricular time outside of the dedicated curriculum days.

Please be aware that applications are not accepted on a first come, first serve basis. We allow a maximum of 26 participants each year to maintain the quality of the program. Selection is designed to bring together a diverse group and is based on a variety of factors including your leadership experience, professional industry and passion for the greater Bangor area. If your application and requested information and required forms are not received by the deadline, your application will be marked as incomplete. The deadline for application is **Friday, June 14, 2019.**

Once again, thank you for your interest in the Bangor Region Leadership Institute. If you have any questions about the program, or would like to hear about our BRLI experiences, please feel free to contact any of the BRLI Steering Committee members. If you have questions about the application materials please contact Shelly Reilly, Program Coordinator for the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce at 947-0307 or by email at sreilly@bangorregion.com.

Sincerely,
Jason Clay '13
Program Chair
Bangor Region Leadership Institute
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Thanks to these sponsors for making the BRLI program possible



Send application materials to Shelly Reilly, BRLI Program Coordinator, by June 14, 2019.
Fax: 207.990.1427, Mail: Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce, 2 Hammond Street, Bangor ME 04401

BRLI Participant Application

Please attach resume, which should include the following:

1. Your name address and contact information
2. Title and employer (or institution of higher education)
3. Community roles and activities
4. Leadership roles and experiences
5. Provide at least three references and contact information
6. Please answer the following in narrative format:
 - a. What are your expectations of your BRLI experience?
 - b. What do you want to take away from this program personally?
 - c. Describe your experience in the Bangor region (how long have you lived here, what brought you here, where were you previously, etc.)
 - d. How do you define leadership?
 - e. Share with us an example of a leader who you aspire to be like, or someone who has challenged you personally or professionally in either a positive or negative way. What did you learn?
 - f. What makes you feel accomplished?
 - g. Share your perspective on one strength and one weakness in our region
 - h. Please include any additional information that will help us assess your candidacy.

Time Commitment:

Each BRLI Day takes place at a thematically specific site throughout the Bangor region. A detailed curriculum including class locations, workshop titles, and presenters will be sent to each participant upon acceptance.

2019-2020 Class Dates	
Thursday, October 10	Thursday, February 6
Friday, October 11	Thursday, March 5
Thursday, November 7	Thursday, April 2
Thursday, December 5	Thursday, May 7
Thursday, January 2	Wednesday May 13(Annual Dinner and Graduation)*

***All dates above require attendance 8am-5pm, with the exception of Wednesday May 13th. Attendance for class participants will be required at the Annual Dinner and Graduation from 5pm-8pm.**

1. **Employer Signature of Commitment** (Omit if you are the CEO or a student), I have read these materials thoroughly and understand the commitment my employee and I are making if he/she is accepted into the Institute. I fully support this individual's involvement in BRLI and acknowledge the sessions will be held during nine separate week days and will require nine days out of the office. I also understand tuition is \$1150 and non-refundable.

Name & Position (please print)

Employer's Signature

2. **Participant Signature of Commitment.** If selected, I will participate fully and attend each of the full-day sessions in their entirety. I realize any unexcused absence may result in termination of participation of the program. I also understand tuition is \$1150 and non-refundable.

Program cost: \$1150. No money is required at this time. Payment, if accepted into the program, payment will be due on August 15th, 2019 unless other arrangements have been made. If payment has not been received, or arrangements made by August 15th, a late fee of \$150 will be assessed.

A limited number of partial scholarships are available based on demonstrated need. To receive a scholarship you must fill out the attached scholarship application.

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BRLI Scholarship Application

BRLI Financial Aid Philosophy:

BRLI has a limited amount of financial aid available each year to assist participants who cannot personally afford the full tuition. We ask that participants exhaust all other funding sources before making their request to BRLI. Partial scholarships are available for those with a demonstrated need, and BRLI scholarships cannot exceed half of the tuition expense. One full scholarship per year is available for a full-time undergraduate or graduate student.

Financial Assistance will be based upon need and will be extended, once selection of the class has been made, to those who are unable to meet the tuition requirement. All participants will be selected without regard to this financial aid request. If you are selected into the class, your request for financial aid will be considered in conjunction with other requests. When you are notified of your acceptance, you will also be informed of any scholarship award.

BRLI scholarships are made possible by generous sponsors and a number of BRLI alumni.

Funding Plan Worksheet

Note: This information will be kept confidential. The purpose of this worksheet is to determine the amount needed for scholarship assistance. **Please note: This worksheet is not an invoice and no money is required at this time.**

Revenue Sources:	Program Costs: \$1150
Participant's contribution	\$ _____
Amount of tuition employer will pay	\$ _____
Amount available from other sources	\$ _____
Total Funds Available	\$ _____
Scholarship Request*	\$ _____

*Please note that scholarship requests may not exceed \$575

If your participation in the program is contingent upon scholarship dollars being received, please check here:

Please provide an explanation for requesting a scholarship:

Requests are Separate and Confidential

All participants will be selected without regard to their financial aid request. Funding Plan Worksheets will be kept in a separate, confidential file until the final selections have been made. If you are chosen to be a class member, we will then consider your request for financial aid in conjunction with other requests. When you are notified of your acceptance, you will also be informed of your scholarship award.