

Dear Applicant,

We are excited that you are considering applying for one of the state's premier leadership programs. BRLI maintains a prestigious alumni network of more than 425 people who have benefited from the rewarding professional and personal growth opportunity.

BRLI was founded with a goal to bring together a diverse group of potential and emerging leaders who were all focused on bettering the community for future generations. Today, our mission has evolved into five key words – educate, challenge, inspire, engage, and connect leaders.

Personal connections are crucial to the experience. As we did this last year, BRLI and the Greater Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce will adhere to Maine's CDC guidelines to ensure the health and safety of our participants and volunteers. Our plan is to host the 2021/2022 program in person, starting with a two-day kick off on Thursday and Friday, October 7 and 8, 2021. The remainder of the curriculum will take place in-person on the first Thursday of each month through May.

Every session is mandatory and absences 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 day. Following tradition, your BRLI class will be assigned to work on a project for a selected area non-profit. This project will require significant extracurricular time outside of the dedicated curriculum days.

Selection is designed to bring together a diverse group and is based on a variety of factors including leadership experience, profession, and passion for the greater Bangor area. The deadline for applications, requested information, and required forms is **Friday, July 16**.

Thank you again for your interest in Bangor Region Leadership Institute. If you have questions about the application, please contact Shelly Reilly, Program Coordinator, at 947-0307 or by email at sreilly@bangorregion.com.

Sincerely,
Kelly Pearson '14 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 July 16th 2021.

Fax: 207.990.1427, Mail: Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce, c/o Shelly Reilly 11 James Street, Bangor, Maine 04401

BRLI Participant Application

Please attach your most updated 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 if applicable
4. Leadership roles and experiences
5. Provide at least three references with contact information
6. Please answer the following in narrative format:
 - a. What do you hope to **learn** from this program personally and professionally?
 - b. Describe your experience in the Bangor region (how long have you lived here, what brought you here, where were you previously, etc.)
 - c. How do you define leadership?
 - d. Share with us an example of a leader who **inspires** you? Why?
 - e. What makes you feel accomplished?
 - f. Share your perspective on the **challenges** facing the greater Bangor region, and what you might do as a future leader to help address the issues.
 - g. How do you hope to **connect** with other participants and alumni to better yourself and the community?
 - h. Please include any additional information that will help us assess your candidacy.

In-Person Time Commitment:

Each BRLI In-Person class is a full day (8 am – 5 pm). Classes are hosted at various businesses and organizations throughout the Bangor region. A detailed curriculum including class locations, workshop details, and presenters will be emailed to each participant in the week prior to each class day.

2021-2022 Class Days	
Thursday, October 7	Thursday, February 3
Friday, October 8	Thursday, March 3
Thursday, November 4	Thursday, April 7
Thursday, December 2	Thursday, May 5
Thursday, January 6	Wednesday May 11 (Annual Dinner and Graduation)*

***All dates above require attendance 8am – 5pm with the exception of Wednesday May 11, 2021 when attendance for class participants will be required at the Annual Dinner and Graduation from 5 - 8 pm.**

- **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 they are accepted into the Institute. I fully support this individual's involvement in BRLI and acknowledge the sessions will be held during nine separate weekdays and will require nine half-days out of the office. I also understand tuition is \$1150 and non-refundable.

Name & Position (please print)

Employer's Signature

- **Participant Signature of Commitment.** If selected, I will participate fully and attend each of the half-day sessions and virtual connects in their entirety. I realize any unexcused absence may result in termination of participation of the program without a refund. I also understand tuition is \$1150 and non-refundable.

Participant Signature

Program cost: \$1150. No money is required at this time. Payment, if accepted into the Institute, will be due on August
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27th, 2021 unless other arrangements have been made. If payment or payment arrangements have not been received by August 27th, a late payment 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 following scholarship application.

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.

Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we understand that employers may have reduced budgets for personal and professional development. BRLI strives to help as best as we can, but we have a limited number of scholarships available.

Funding Plan Worksheet B

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.

Table with 2 columns: Revenue Sources and Program Costs: \$1150. Rows include Participant's contribution, Amount of tuition employer will pay, Amount available from other sources, Total Funds Available, and 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:

Three horizontal lines for providing 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,

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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.