

Dear Applicant,

On behalf of the Bangor Region Leadership Institute's steering committee, thank you for your interest in BRLI. We are excited you are applying for one of the state's premier leadership programs, which has graduated over 300 students during its 14-year existence.

To be considered for inclusion in the program, please complete the enclosed application and return it to the address provided. To maximize the benefits and scope of the program for all participants, there are several items to consider before submitting your application:

Time Commitment: The program commences with a two consecutive day requirement (Thursday and Friday, October 4th and 5th) and the remainder of the curriculum requires one set calendar day (1st Thursday) each month. Every session is mandatory and any absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Additionally, significant extracurricular project team work may be required outside of the dedicated curriculum days. Please see the enclosed BRLI schedule for 2012-13. Also, while the detailed 2012-13 curriculum is yet to be finalized, please visit www.brliexperience.org for a detailed example of last year's curriculum. Your employer should be aware that you plan to be absent from work on the scheduled days and understands the importance of your attendance by signing the employer signature of commitment on the application form.

BRLI Regional Issue Nonprofit Project Teams: The Bangor Region faces many issues that affect our businesses, our community, and our overall quality of life. To address these issues, the BRLI class splits into project teams and work with community stakeholders from nonprofit organizations to identify a specific community need. The groups then address this need with measurable and tangible results in a project. A network of BRLI alumni and community leaders make themselves available to project teams as a resource of information and guidance. At the end of the exercise, the results of the teams' work are presented at the annual BRLI Graduation and Alumni Dinner. The team project component of BRLI forges lasting bonds between team members and encourages continued community involvement and leadership after graduation.

Refund Policy: Once your application has been accepted and your tuition has been paid, no refund can be issued. This policy is intended to encourage only those applicants who are strongly committed to participating in the program in its entirety.

Please be aware applications are not accepted on a first come first serve basis. Each application is evaluated by the BRLI Steering Committee, and participation is limited to 25 participants annually. **The deadline for applications is August 1, 2012.**

Once again, thank you for your interest in the Bangor Region Leadership Institute. If you have any questions about the program or the application materials, please contact me at (207) 947-0307 or by e-mail at matt@bangorregion.com.

Sincerely,



Matthew McLaughlin
Program Coordinator
Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce



BRLI PARTICIPANT APPLICATION:

A. Schedule review.

Each BRLI Day takes place at a variety of thematically specific sites throughout the Bangor Region. A detailed curriculum including class locations, workshop titles and presenters will be sent to each participant upon acceptance. For more information about the program and curriculum, visit www.brliexperience.org or contact Matt McLaughlin at matt@bangorregion.com or (207) 947-0307.

Day 1: Thursday, October 4, 2012

Day 2: Friday, October 5, 2012

Day 3: Thursday, November 1, 2012

Day 4: Thursday, December 6, 2012

Day 5: Thursday, January 3, 2013

Day 6: Thursday, February 7, 2013

Day 7: Thursday, March 7, 2013

Day 8: Thursday, April 4, 2013

Day 9: Thursday, May 2, 2013

Graduation Dinner: Wednesday, May 8, 2013

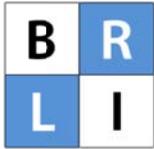
B. Please provide the following information and respond to the questions (typed on a separate sheet).

1. *Your name, title, and employer (or institution of higher education).*
2. *Your work (or school) contact information including address, phone, and email address.*
3. *Your home contact information including address, phone and email address.*
4. *Identify if you would prefer to be contacted at work or at home.*
5. *List any current community activities and leadership roles.*
6. *List three references including their name, employer, title, and phone number.*
7. *How did you hear about Bangor Region Leadership Institute?*
8. *Enclose a copy of your resume.*

C. The written portion of this application is an important part of our evaluation process. It is highly recommended to submit a 100 to 500 word narrative reply to the following questions:

1. *How do you hope to benefit by attending the Bangor Region Leadership Institute?*





2. *What will you contribute to the Bangor Region Leadership Institute?*
3. *Describe what you believe are the three most important issues facing our community today.*

D. Please submit the following signatures of commitment with your application.

Employer Signature of Commitment: (Omit if you are a 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. I understand tuition is non-refundable.

Name & Position (please print)

Employer's Signature

Participant Signature of Commitment: If selected, I will participate fully and attend each full-day session in its entirety. I understand the program will meet for a full day the first Thursday of each month from October 2012 through May 2013. The first two meetings, October 4 and 5, 2012, are required. I realize any unexcused absence may result in termination of participation of the program and that tuition is non-refundable.

Applicant's Signature

E. If you are a student applicant, please answer the two following questions (typed on a separate sheet).

1. *What are your plans post-graduation?*
2. *How does Bangor Region Leadership Institute fit into your educational program?*

Program tuition: \$795.00. No money is required at this time. If selected for the program, payment will be due on Sept 1st or in two payments on Sept 1st and Jan 1st. Do not enclose tuition payment with your application. Selected participants will be invoiced upon acceptance to the program.

Partial scholarships may be available on a demonstrated, case-by-case needs assessment. If you are a full-time student who wishes to apply and desires scholarship consideration, please attach the additional application, as a student scholarship is based on certain eligibility requirements.

Send application materials by July 1st to: Matthew McLaughlin, Program Coordinator, Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce, 208 Maine Avenue, Bangor, ME 04401, or via fax (207-990-1427) or email to programs@bangorregion.com.

BRLI SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Financial Aid Philosophy:

BRLI has a limited amount of financial aid available each year to assist participants who cannot personally afford the 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. One full scholarship is available for full-time students.





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Financial assistance will be based on 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 due to our generous sponsors, **WABI TV** and **Bangor Rotary Charities**, as well as a number of BRLI alumni.

Please also note below that you may opt for the two-payment option allowing you to break your payment into two installments.

Financial Planning Worksheet

Note: This information will be considered confidential. The purpose of this worksheet is to determine the amount of money you need to request for scholarship assistance. This worksheet is not an invoice and no money is required at this time.

	Program Costs: \$795
Revenue Sources:	
Participant's contribution	\$ _____
Amount of tuition employer will pay	\$ _____
Amount available from other sources	\$ _____
Total Funds Available	\$ _____
Scholarship Request	\$ _____

Please provide an explanation for requesting a scholarship: _____

Payment options: *Please check one.*
 Full payment \$795 due September 1st
 2 payments of \$397.50 due September 1st and January 1st

Please enclose this form with your BRLI Application.

