



2025
Call for
Applications



**Leadership Academy** 

Leadership Academy is a unique program specifically designed to develop leadership capacity and core competencies of aging services professionals by tapping their natural talents and authentic leadership style.

This 8-month program emphasizes self-exploration and relationship-building, enabling participants to embrace diversity of thought, move beyond pre-conceived assumptions and view their own experiences and those of others as learning opportunities.



### 2025 Program Schedule\*

Session #1 Authentic Leadership: May 14-15

(In person, metro location)

Explore what it means to be an authentic leader. Examine and clarify your personal values. Identify and leverage your strengths.

Virtual Day: June 9 (half-day)

Session #2 Rethinking Thinking: July 29-30

(Alexandria)

Learn how emotional intelligence complements critical thinking in decision-making, problem-solving and leading others.

Session #3 Inspiring and Motivating Others: Sept. 24-25 (In person, metro location)

Identify what motivates people. Learn how to create and maintain trusting relationships. Prepare to lead with confidence.

Session #4 Transformational Leadership: Nov. 19-20

(In person, metro location)

Discuss the changing environment of aging services and the role of the leader. Explore how to leverage the skills gained in previous sessions to become a transformational leader for the future of aging services.

\*Please note, dates and locations are subject to change.

Participants should expect to spend 10-15 hours a month engaged in Leadership Academy activities.

### **Benefits**

#### **Participating Fellows**

- Embrace your authentic leadership style through clarifying your personal strengths, values and philosophy.
- Discover skills to build trusting relationships at multiple levels – with others, within organizations and the greater community.
- Learn how intelligence, intuition and emotions intersect to improve decision-making and problem-solving.
- Earn an estimated 45 continuing education credits for your 2025 participation.
- Fellows enjoy complimentary registration to the 2026 Instititue & Expo.

#### **Organization Sponsors**

- Support and develop potential successors for your organization's leadership team.
- Develop the leadership skill sets required for emerging service delivery practices and evolving consumer preferences.
- Expose high potential leaders to innovative aging services models throughout Minnesota.
- Experience the results of an action learning project specifically tailored to address a challenge or opportunity within your organization.

#### **Eligibility and Application**

Leadership Academy is available to any staff team member of a LeadingAge Minnesota member organization who demonstrates leadership potential, regardless of position, title or supervisory/management experience. We recommend participants have a minimum two year's experience in the aging services field.

A brief application is required, including a letter of recommendation and a statement of commitment signed by the applicant and organization.

# Deadline and Selection

# Application Deadline is Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

Applicants will be notified of participation status by March 26, 2025.

#### **Fees and Expenses**

\$2,100 tuition payment is required with program registration. The fee is non-refundable and non-transferable. Tuition fee includes the cost of materials, evaluations, assessments, continuing education units and some meals for in-person sessions. Participants are responsible for travel and hotel costs.

#### **Financial Assistance Available**

Limited scholarship funding is available through the LeadingAge Minnesota Foundation to cover partial or full tuition. Based on financial need, application required.

For more information contact Barbara Landeen at <u>blandeen@leadingagemn.org</u>.

Apply at: <a href="https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=leadingage">https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=leadingage</a>
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