



## The Rural Leadership Access Fund

at the Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

The Rural Leadership Access Fund offers grants to provide access for rural Minnesota residents to attend community-based leadership programs where they may currently be experiencing a barrier. Please take the value of the training you are receiving into consideration.

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## Supporting Local Leaders

- TRANSPORTATION
- CHILD & DEPENDANT CARE
- LOST WAGES

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## pre-qualifications for applying to the rural leadership access fund

### TO APPLY YOU MUST

- Be attending a qualified community-based leadership program (All Blandin Community Leadership Programs are considered qualified leadership programs.)
- Be a resident of a rural Minnesota community
- Have a valid barrier which prevents your attendance (You would not be able to attend if you did not have some grant support.)
- Be willing to invest in yourself

### APPLY ONLINE

Applying is as easy as 1-2-3

- 1) visit [gracf.org](http://gracf.org)
- 2) click on the Scholarship page
- 3) click on Scholarship Portal

### QUESTIONS?

Call 218-999-9100



### TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT

Grants provide help with the high cost of fuel. We offer small grants up to \$0.50 per mile for travel over 50 miles one-way to a retreat or workshop.



### CHILD & DEPENDANT CARE

In general, these grants provide support of \$30 per night, per child. NOT FOR REGULARLY SCHEDULED DAY CARE (Grants cannot be paid to family members.)



### SUPPORT FOR LOST WAGES

We understand that it can be an extreme hardship to lose a week of pay. We also understand that you cannot simply be replaced while you are gone. In general, grants are calculated using a Living Wage Calculator and may not be what you are actually paid an hour.



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING OTHERS:

Send a tax-deductable donation to the Rural Leadership Access Fund at the Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation