



## Blandin Reservation Community Leadership Program (BRCLP)

### Frequently Asked Questions

- **Who nominated me?** Alumni of the program are asked to nominate individuals they believe have leadership gifts and the desire to give back to their community. Sometimes nominations are made anonymously. Self-nomination is encouraged and accepted.
- **Who makes the selection?** Applicant selections are made by the Blandin Reservation Community Leadership Program Steering Committees and the Blandin Foundation.
- **How many people are selected?** Thirty-six (36) applicants are selected for each cohort; preferably, 18 females and 18 males with half between the ages of 21-35 and the other half over age 35.
- **Can we bring our families?** No, this program is designed for individuals only and accommodations and meals are only available to participants and trainers.
- **Do we have to attend the whole 5-day retreat and 2-day workshop?** Yes. Because this program is designed to build from one day to the next it is required that you commit to all of the training days.
- **What does it cost?** The Blandin Foundation underwrites the entire cost of the program - tuition, training, materials, and room and board for all participants - a commitment of almost \$4000 per person. The only cost to participants is their time away from work and family plus minimal travel expenses. Rural Leadership Access Funds can be applied for through the Grand Rapids Community Foundation to help those who would have a valid barrier preventing their attendance.
- **Who should participate?** BRCLP recruitment efforts focus on individuals who are:
  - Key members of their community/reservation that are actively serving in a leadership role as well as emerging community leaders.
  - Open to learning about their leadership gifts and to developing additional skills.
  - Willing to use their leadership gifts to work with others in strengthening their community.
  - Passionate about their community's future.

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