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.

Grants are not intended to replace or completely cover the expenses of attending a leadership program. Grants are intended to provide some support that will enable you to attend.
Grants are limited and available for transportation, child or dependent care, and/or lost wages. Grants are not intended to replace or completely cover the expenses of attending a leadership program. Grants are intended to provide some support that will enable you to attend.

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

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