



LEADERSHIP SERIES

PURPOSE

The Stockgrowers Leadership Series is designed to provide training and skills to future leaders of MSGA and Montana's ranching communities. Five participants will take part in a number of workshops and sessions exposing them to different aspects of the ranching business today. These topics include policy work, banking and finance, management, business relationships, awareness of industry topics, media training, and beef consumer concerns.

This is a leadership training designed to develop and educate community leaders to anticipate change, act upon it with decisiveness and lead their communities successfully into the future.

GOALS

- Identify and motivate potential leaders
- Acquaint potential leaders with community needs and challenges while identifying ways of effecting change
- Give potential leaders an opportunity to meet present leaders, associate in a meaningful way with their peers, and become motivated to greater involvement
- Develop personal leadership skills in order to maximize contributions to employers, organizations, and the community

CRITERIA

Participants should be between the ages of 25 and 40, be involved in the Montana ranching industry and have a strong interest in improving their leadership and business skills. Both ranchers and Allied Industry members are encouraged to apply.

Acceptance is based on:

- A demonstrated commitment to the cattle industry
- A demonstrated desire to better understand and improve leadership skills
- Interest in future involvement with Montana Stockgrowers Association
- Willingness to complete a telephone interview



LEADERSHIP SERIES APPLICATION

Name: _____

Employer: _____

Home Address: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Title: _____

City: _____

Highest Level of Education: _____

Name of College/University: _____

Area of Study: _____

REFERENCES:

Name/Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

ATTENDANCE: This is a 16 month program including 9 in person sessions and a trip to Washington D.C.. Sessions are held at various sites throughout the state. Attendance is critical to the success of the leadership series. Absenteeism may result in being dropped from the program. If you are unable to make a commitment, it is not in your best interest to apply at this time.

Given the time commitment for participation, do you have your employer's full support? YES NO

If no, please explain the plan for participation:

TUITION AND FUNDING: Tuition is \$500 per person, most meals and hotel rooms will be covered by the Foundation. Tuition can be paid by candidate or employer/organization. Tuition can be payed through multiple installments.

All applicants are subect to confidential evaluation. Space is limited, so if you are not selected, please apply again.

Applicant Signature

Date

(Your signature verifies the applicant's understanding of attendance and tuition requirements)

Tell us about your background:

What are your reasons for desiring to participate in the Leadership Series?

How do you feel you can contribute to the program and the organization?

What are the three greatest challenges you perceive to be facing the ranching sector today?
What are your recommendations for solutions?

List past leadership or volunteer experiences.

How do you define leadership?

What skills do you hope to gain from this program?
