



A PROGRAM OF MONTANA STOCKGROWERS ASSOCIATION

M BAR ACADEMY APPLICATION

APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 30 | www.mtbeef.org/leadership-series

PROGRAM INFORMATION

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE April 30, 2024

The Montana Stockgrowers Association M Bar Academy fosters and grows leaders in the Montana ranching industry and provides individuals the opportunity to improve leadership skills, gain understanding of industry issues, and develop the expertise needed to provide leadership in Montana Stockgrowers, its partner organizations, public service, and in the cattle industry.

Approximately fifteen participants will commit to attending six in-person sessions and three MSGA events during a 18-month period, starting June 2024 and ending December 2025.

For more information about the M Bar Academy, visit mtbeef.org/leadership-series

ELIGIBILITY

- Complete the application including one letter of recommendation by April 30, 2024.
- Commitment to attend all sessions during the 18 months of programing, including six in-person sessions, three events, three virtual sessions and at-home assignments.
- Must be a paid MSGA member in good-standing.
- Open to all MSGA members.

TUITION

Cost per participant will be \$1,000 per person.

Tuition covers curriculum, supplies, meetings and the majority of lodging and meals for the duration of the program. If funding is a limitation, participants can reach out to Raylee Honeycutt at raylee@mtbeef.org for information on scholarship opportunities.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

MSGA's preferred method of the application submission is through the online application. Individuals applying for the program are required to include one letter of recommendation. Online applications can be found at www.mtbeef.org/leadership-series and must be submitted by April 30, 2024.

Mailed applications must be post-marked by April 30, 2024.

Montana Stockgrowers Association
Attn: M Bar Academy
420 N. California St.
Helena, MT 59601

If you have questions about M Bar Academy or application, please reach out to the MSGA office at (406) 442-3420 or raylee@mtbeef.org.

Apply online at www.mtbeef.org/leadership-series

MEMBERSHIP CONFIRMATION

Are you a current member of Montana Stockgrowers Association? Yes No, please send me membership information

MAILING & CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Alternative Phone: _____

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Type of Employment (Select all areas that best describe your industry involvement)

- Family Ranch
- Sales/Marketing
- Ranch (no-family)
- Policy/Government/Non-Profit
- Allied Industry (type of service) _____
- I am currently enrolled in school
- Other _____

Name of Employer: _____

Job Title: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Highest Level of Education Obtained: _____

Name of College or University: _____

Major(s): _____

Other academic institutions or certifications:

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

List achievements, recognitions or leadership roles you consider significant, including leadership roles.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES CONT.

How do you define leadership?

Why do you want to participate in the M Bar Academy? What do you hope to gain from the program?

In return, what contributions do you expect to make to the industry and organization upon completion of the M Bar Academy?

What are your leadership aspirations? How do you plan on being an industry leader in 5 to 15 years?

REFERENCES

Please provide three references that may be contacted by the selection committee for further information.

REFERENCE #1

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

REFERENCE #2

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

REFERENCE #3

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please include one letter of recommendation addressing your leadership activities in the cattle industry.

You may also have the letter mailed directly to MSGA's office.

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STATEMENTS OF COMMITMENT

By checking the boxes below and signing this form, I agree to the following:

- If selected, I am fully prepared to be an active participant, included time and travel required.
- If selected, I commit to attending all six in-person meetings, participate in three virtual sessions, three MSGA events, and participate in at-home assignments.
- Upon completion of the program, I commit to consideration for leadership positions and active roles in the Montana ranching community and the Montana Stockgrowers Association.

Signature: _____ Date: _____