

**Philosophy of scholarships:** *"Ask for what you need, but please need what you ask for."* Every year, the Create Great Leaders Council hosts an annual fundraiser to raise money for programming and scholarships. Part of the money raised at the fundraiser is distributed to participants in the coming year's classes in need of financial support. Leading Edge program scholarships exist to ensure the diversity of each class in sector, gender, ethnicity and perspective.

**Scholarship assistance may be available to those who can demonstrate valid need:** This includes leaders who represent: areas of government (city, county or state) or corporations who have limited training budgets; non-profits with limited operational budgets and resources; small business owners or employees committed to community; professional volunteers who work for no income; students, and others with special circumstances working within the community. Awards generally range from a few hundred dollars to half the cost of the program. Higher awards are less common due to limited resources.

In return, we ask for your honesty in determining your need. Generally, scholarship requests far exceed what we can grant. Many scholarship requests will not be met. As a sign of commitment to this investment, all scholarship recipients agree to a minimum personal or employer contribution of \$500.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all funding sources.

Tuition is \$1000 for Chamber members and \$1150 for non-members.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Employer  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Contribution  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Amount Requested

Please explain the reason for your request:

**Please complete and send to Megan Steenwyk, at [megan@grandrapids.org](mailto:megan@grandrapids.org),  
NO LATER than 30 days prior to first session to be considered for a scholarship.**

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