



### **Scholarship Award Policy**

Tuition for each participant accepted in Leadership Mendocino is \$900.00. A limited number of partial scholarships (a maximum of \$450.00) may be available to participants who are unable to completely finance their tuition. Application for assistance is not considered by the selection committee. It will only be seen by the scholarship committee after the class participants have been selected.

Scholarships funds are limited and cannot be considered a sole source of tuition assistance. We expect applicants requesting tuition assistance to demonstrate their commitment to the program by paying \$100 of the tuition themselves, and to seek sponsorships from individuals, their employers or affiliate organization in which they are active.

#### **Purpose of Tuition Assistance through a Scholarship Program:**

- To ensure that qualified candidates for the Leadership Mendocino program are able to participate, regardless of income; and

#### **Process for Scholarship Selection and Awards:**

1. Scholarship Application forms are available on the Leadership Mendocino website and from the Executive Director. Applications for Scholarships are due one week following the interview.
2. The *interview selection committee* will rank all class candidates based upon written applications and verbal responses to the interview questions. The selection committee does not factor requests for scholarship tuition into the ranking of candidates.
3. The *scholarship committee* reviews ranked candidates and makes recommendations to the steering committee for scholarship amounts.
4. The steering committee approves the scholarships.
5. Applicants are notified of the amount of the scholarship they have received.

#### **Scholarship criteria will include:**

- Financial Need
- Any stipulations intended by donors of scholarship grant funds - i.e. small business, grant funder

#### **Scholarship Reimbursement in the event of drop out**

In the event that a scholarship beneficiary drops out of the class, they will be required to reimburse Leadership Mendocino the amount of the scholarship, on a prorated basis, for the remainder of the class year.