Emerging Leaders 2020 Application Questions

To help you prepare in advance, below are the questions included on the Emerging Leaders Application. Please use the online form to submit your application. If you have any questions or would prefer to complete the application through a spoken interview, rather than in writing, please contact Molly O'Connell at mconnell@nonprofitmaine.org.

About You
1. Your Name
2. Current Employer
3. Job Title
4. Town of Residence
5. Date of Birth

Goals + Experience
6. Tell us a little about yourself. Describe your leadership and volunteer experience – current or past – within your workplace and/or community.
7. What led you to apply for this program? What are your personal or professional goals and how will this program support those goals?
8. What makes you a strong candidate for this program? Why is now the right time for you to participate?

Board Matching
Participants are offered, but not required, to be matched to a nonprofit board or committee at the end of the program. The following information will help us select the nonprofit organizations that participate in our 2020 program as potential board/committee placements for the Emerging Leaders.

9. Do you currently serve on any nonprofit boards or committees? If so, which one(s), and what is the nature of your involvement/role?
10. Please indicate the mission areas you are most drawn to when considering board/committee service (check up to 3).
   □ Animal Related
   □ Advocacy/Legal/Social Action/Civil Rights
   □ Arts/Cultural/Humanities
   □ Economic Development/Job Creation
   □ Education/Academics
   □ Environmental
   □ Food/Nutrition/Agriculture
   □ Health & Rehabilitation
   □ Housing/Shelter
   □ Human Services
   □ Mental & Developmental Disabilities Services
   □ Recreation/Sports/Leisure
   □ Volunteerism/Community Improvement
   □ Youth Development
   □ Other
11. Are you more interested in supporting a small/grassroots nonprofit where the board tends to be more hands-on, or serving a larger, more established organization where the board is less involved in the day-to-day work?  
☐ Grassroots  ☐ Established  ☐ Either  ☐ Unsure

**Additional (Optional) Information**

We respect and value the unique characteristics, stories, qualities and viewpoints that make each person who they are. We believe that bringing diverse individuals together will enrich our learning community and will advance our goal to strengthen Maine’s nonprofits and their impact on our communities. The following information would be helpful, but is not mandatory.

Even if you do not complete these particular questions, please be sure to click Done at the end of the survey to submit your application!

12. Race/Ethnicity
13. Gender
14. Your Pronouns
15. Are there other ways you feel you may bring diversity to the class that you would like to share?
16. Thanks to the generosity of donors, we are able to offer tuition assistance to participants on a case-by-case basis. Requesting tuition assistance will NOT affect how your application is scored. To request assistance, please describe how a scholarship would support your participation. Are there other sources of support (employer contribution, etc.) you would also explore?

**Supplemental Information**

A resume and/or other materials are not required, but if you would like to submit supplemental materials to help our review team have a more complete picture of your story and goals, you are welcome to send them to moconnell@nonprofitmaine.org.