

**Application for the 2021-2022 Class**

**Part I**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Year \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Years with current business/organization \_\_\_\_\_

General description of job or organizational responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you subject to transfer with your current organization? Yes No

Years Residing in La Plata County: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Working in La Plata County \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to make La Plata County your long-term residence? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied previously to Leadership La Plata? \_\_\_\_\_ What year? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please review the information regarding Incentive Positions and Financial Assistance on**

**Page 2.**

Incentive Positions: I am applying for an incentive position. Yes No

If yes, please indicate area below.

My geographic location is:

Ignacio \_\_\_\_\_ Bayfield \_\_\_\_\_ Southern Ute Indian Reservation \_\_\_\_\_

Unincorporated La Plata County (specify location) \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCES:** Two individuals must provide letters of reference for you as a potential Leadership La Plata ("LLP") participant. Their letters can be included with this application or emailed directly to the Selection Chair at the address listed under the Application Deadline section on Page 3. It is suggested that at least one reference be a Leadership La Plata graduate. [Click here](#) for a list of LLP alumni or visit [leadershiplaplata.org/index.cfm/alumni-directory/](http://leadershiplaplata.org/index.cfm/alumni-directory/) Please provide us with the name and contact information for your references.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number/Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Part II**

**The Leadership La Plata Selection Committee endeavors to build a class that reflects the geographic, social, ethnic, and occupational diversity of La Plata County.**

How did you hear about/learn about Leadership La Plata? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please provide the following information on additional sheets:**

1. Elaborate on your professional experience and education. Please include degrees or accolades awarded as well as practical experience achieved in the course of your professional life. (Resumes are acceptable.)
2. List and explain your involvement with any pertinent civic, community, business, cultural, or professional organizations in which you have participated during the past five years. Please note any elected and/or appointed offices held, awards and/or recognitions received.
3. Please identify and discuss three particular problems/opportunities that you feel are critical to the future of La Plata County. How would you handle each one?
4. Describe the single most important thing you have done for yourself.
5. Describe the single most important thing you have done for your community.
6. How do you believe the community will benefit from your participation in Leadership La Plata?
7. What do you perceive as your leadership challenges?
8. What interested you about LLP and what do you hope to gain from your class experience?

**Incentive Positions:** LLP is committed to promoting participation from all areas of La Plata County. With this in mind, we offer two “Incentive Positions” specifically for residents of areas outside the City of Durango, including Allison, Ignacio, Vallecito, Bayfield, Hesperus, unincorporated areas of the county, and the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. These areas are under-represented in our LLP alumni, and we hope to change that in time. To encourage applicants from under-represented areas to apply to LLP and promote a greater geographical diversity of class members each year, the tuition fee for these incentive positions will be reduced by \$200, respectively. If you are interested in applying for one of our “Incentive Positions,” please indicate this by checking the appropriate box on the first page and provide the necessary information. Applicants who reside outside of La Plata County are not eligible for Incentive Positions.

**Financial Assistance:** LLP is also committed to ensuring that financial constraints are not a limiting factor for any applicant no matter where they live in La Plata County. If accepted into the program, an application for financial assistance may be requested. No matter where you live in La Plata County, you may apply for financial assistance. Applicants who reside outside of La Plata County are not eligible for financial assistance.

**Part III**

**PARTICIPANT'S AGREEMENT:**

- I am at least 25 years of age as of the application deadline and I have resided in La Plata County for at least one year or worked in La Plata County for at least five years.
- I will attend the weekend retreat along with seven monthly full-day sessions on the second Friday of the month from October through April, and two full-day sessions, the second and third Fridays in May. The retreat dates are tentatively September 10-12 (all day) and 15 (4-7 pm). These dates and times will be confirmed to you prior to your interview.
- As a participant, I am committed to attend all functions sponsored by the program, and I understand that attendance is vital to not only my education, but also to the growth and education of my fellow classmates.
- I understand that missing more than one session may result in dismissal from the program, and my tuition of \$650, due by August 10, 2021, would be forfeited as it is non-refundable.
- Working in conjunction with a fellow classmate and under the supervision of the LLP Curriculum Committee, I will plan and coordinate a session the following year (2022-2023) for the next LLP class.
- I understand that LLP will follow San Juan Basin Public Health guidelines and health orders, which means some classes may be held virtually.

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Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**My employer understands that participation in Leadership La Plata will require my absence from work, tentatively September 10-12 (all day) and 15 (4-7pm) for the retreat; the second Friday of the month, October through April; and the second and third Fridays in May 2022. My employer understands that employer paid tuition is non-refundable if I am dismissed from the program or no longer an employee.**

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Signature of Employer

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Date

**Application Deadline: Monday, May 31, 2021 at 11:59pm**

**Please send completed application to Elise Savastano:**

**Email: [elisepod@gmail.com](mailto:elisepod@gmail.com)**

In-person interviews will be conducted the week of June 7, 2021 and a member of the Selection Committee will contact you to schedule your interview. Final selection will be made following all interviews and you will receive notification if selected by mid-July, 2021. The required retreat will tentatively be held September 10 through 12, and the evening of September 15, 2021. You must be 25 years of age as of the application deadline and have been a resident of La Plata County for at least one year, or been a resident of a neighboring county and worked in La Plata County for at least five years.

Please direct any questions to Charley Kier, Steering Committee Chair - (970) 759-2076, or Elise Savastano, Selection Committee Co-Chair - (970) 799-6773.

Although LLP considers the contents of the application to be private, copies will be shared with the Selection Committee and with committees who are developing class curriculum.