



**MINNESOTA  
YOUNG  
AMERICAN  
LEADERS  
PROGRAM**

*“Many leadership programs are designed in a way that the value comes from the name of the program. This truly provided value that will be utilized after the program and created an environment where the program could result in real-world change.”*

- PROGRAM ALUMNI

# APPLICANTS

The Minnesota Young American Leaders Program (MYALP) is an intensive, three-and-a-half day Program at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities campus convening rising leaders across for-profit, government, and non-profit sectors who are committed to working across sectors to help their communities and our region prosper inclusively.

## WHY TO APPLY?

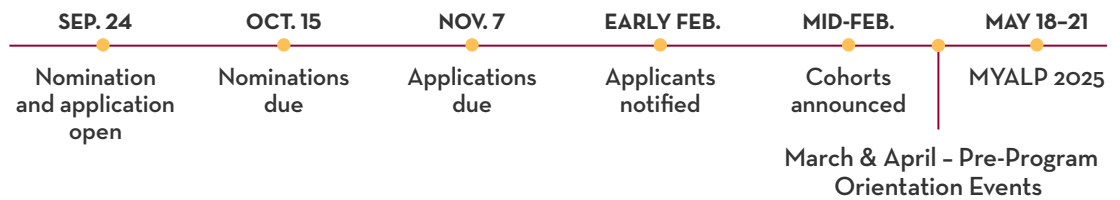
In attending the Program, participants will 1) develop and enhance their ability to forge connections with other rising leaders across and within Minnesota’s cities and regions, 2) deepen their knowledge and share perspectives regarding the state and the trajectory of our national and regional economic development, and 3) learn together from examples of and tools for innovative cross-sector collaborations that address key challenges, create opportunities, and bridge divides in our communities.

The Program offers a unique opportunity to solve complex issues, understanding the dynamics of cross-sector collaboration, and collectively discuss what needs to be invested in for the future of our state and region. Participants also have the opportunity collaborate after the Program to develop and potentially launch an initiative for public good and to build a broader capacity in our region by deepening their practical knowledge of what it takes to make shared leadership initiatives happen.

## Program Themes include:

- The State and Trajectory of U.S. and Minnesota Economies: Insights and Examples
- Cross Sector Leadership: Insights and Examples
- Building Future Collaborations for our Region
- Leadership Chats: The View from the Trenches

## KEY NOMINATION DATES AND APPLICATION PROCESS



- It is critical that you are able to attend the full Program. Partial attendance will not be allowed.
- All lodging, meals, and travel expenses to and from the Program will be covered, and participants will be expected to stay in the lodging provided on campus for the duration of the Program.

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- Tell us about your professional work and aspirations. (250 words/1600 characters)
- Tell us about your public interest work, e.g., volunteering, board service, personal projects, community engagement, and aspirations. (250 words/1600 characters)
- Tell us about a time when you worked across some kind of difference (e.g., across sectors, across functions, across ideological differences, etc.). What was the situation and what did you do? (250 words/1600 characters)
- (GREATER MSP COHORT) Why would the Program for which you are applying better serve you, than the Program for which you aren't applying, in developing your network and ideas for contributing to public good in your city, community, region, or the state of Minnesota? (250 words/1600 characters)
- (OPTIONAL) What's something you want us to know about you or your life experience that we didn't ask? (250 words/1600 characters)



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