Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America (LEDA) empowers a community of exceptional young leaders from under-resourced backgrounds by supporting their higher education and professional success in order to create a more inclusive and equitable country.

Our Program: LEDA for Life

SUMMER INSTITUTE
FREE seven-week Summer Institute at Princeton University provides:
- Leadership training
- Writing classes
- College guidance and college trips
- ACT/SAT prep
- LEDA community
- Room, board, and travel fully funded by LEDA

SENIOR YEAR
Throughout senior year, LEDA College Guidance offers:
- One-on-one college counseling
- Letters of recommendation
- Intensive feedback on application essays
- Funding for all application and testing fees
- Support applying for financial aid and scholarships

COLLEGE AND BEYOND
In college, LEDA Scholars receive:
- Academic counseling and personal support from LEDA College Success
- Career counseling and development from the LEDA Career Network
- Support from LEDA’s Peer Mentoring program
- Internship and job opportunities
- Financial support to attend LEDA community events

ZANDRO, THORNTON, CO
LEDA Cohort 12
Pomona College, Claremont, CA • Class of 2021
Advisory Board Member, Michelle Obama’s Better Make Room Initiative

“The thing that interested me the most about the program was the family that we form here. Once you’re a Scholar, it’s LEDA for life.”

LYNN, PORTLAND, OR
LEDA Cohort 11
Barnard College, New York, NY • Class of 2020
Gates Millennium Scholar

“LEDA opened my eyes to a world beyond Portland, Oregon...and, for that, I am forever grateful to be a LEDA Scholar.”

MENELIK, AUBURNDALE, FL
LEDA Cohort 11
Princeton University, Princeton, NJ • Class of 2020
Co-Founder, BLK Capital Management, Corp

“The diversity I encountered at LEDA is like no other, yet all our backgrounds parallel each other in some way. I love that.”
Our Results

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LEDA Scholars receive prestigious scholarships, including 45 Gates Scholars in college

LEDA Scholars receive outstanding financial aid; most Scholars have tuition, room, and board entirely funded by their university

Colleges with the most LEDA Scholars in attendance:

- STANFORD UNIVERSITY
- GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
- POMONA COLLEGE
- PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
- BROWN UNIVERSITY
- OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE
- HARVARD UNIVERSITY
- SWARTHMORE COLLEGE
- UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND
- YALE UNIVERSITY
- UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
- UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

Apply to LEDA

Who Should Apply?

• Junior attending public high school in the U.S. graduating in 2022
• U.S. Citizen, Permanent Resident, or DACA
• Annual household income under $90,000
• Minimum unweighted GPA of 3.5

Successful applicants demonstrate:

• A desire to be challenged academically
• A strong commitment to their studies
• A desire to be a leader in their families, schools, and communities
• LEDA’S core values of Excellence, Integrity, Compassion, and Community

Application Deadline
December 14, 2020
Start Your Application: ledascholars.org/apply

Questions?
Contact Iris Early, Director of Recruitment and Admission at recruitment@ledascholars.org or (646) 787-0632.

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