



"Leadership gave me a vision of a positive future for my child: it gave me the self-confidence to dream and design my own vision, and skills to make my dreams a reality!"

-NH Leadership Series Graduate

NH Leadership Series Application 2019-20

The goal of the New Hampshire Leadership Series is to support the development of self-advocacy and leadership skills in individuals with disabilities and their family members who wish to affect change at a personal, community, and statewide level to support the full participation of individuals with disabilities in their schools and communities.

To be eligible, you must be a NH resident and either have a disability or be a family member of a person who has a disability.

NOTE: *This Application is available in other formats. Please let us know if you prefer to complete this application in person or a phone interview.*

Name: _____ Preferred Pronoun: _____

Address: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Evening phone: _____

Cell phone: _____ Email: _____

What is the best way to contact you? Please check below:

Day phone Evening phone Email Cell phone

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

What year were you born? _____

Are you connected to/getting services from any of the following agencies?

Agency	Services and supports?	Name/Phone number of contact person
Local Area Agency (provide name):	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Brain Injury Association	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Partners in Health	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Mental Health	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
LD Association	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Other:		

Tell us about yourself and your family.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ACCOMODATIONS

Learning Accommodations:

Our Series is a tremendous learning experience, and we want each participant to benefit fully. Are there any accommodations or supports do you need to learn effectively? (For example: small group work, visuals, lecture style, large print materials, etc.)

Please explain in detail so we can understand the accommodations you may need to be successful:

Accommodations needed to participate (we have very limited resources and may not be able to offer these things, but could help you find some assistance):

I do not have access to my own transportation.

There are some barriers that may get in my way (please explain):

Please note that your need for support to attend **does not**, IN ANY WAY, affect the way in which your application is reviewed.

Would you be able to work with your employer to seek a sponsorship so that Leadership counts as **professional development for your job**? Yes No Not sure, I will find out.

If yes, please ask us for the curriculum packet to document objectives and content of sessions for the series.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

We want to get to know you so please be honest and creative, and tell us what you really think in a few pages.

- *Please download this application.*
- *Feel free to use additional sheets of paper. Make sure to number your answers.*
- *See the last page for dates.*
- *Please send our completed application and answers to the questions to:*

NH Leadership Series

Attn: Deb Genthner

deborah.genthner@unh.edu (Please email me if you have any questions)

Institute on Disability

57 Regional Drive, Unit 8

Concord, NH 03301

1. This NH Leadership Series (NHLS) is both a wonderful opportunity for growth and learning **and** a big commitment of time and energy for its participants and the group leaders. What motivates you to apply?

6. Participants in each Leadership Series join an ever-expanding community of leaders consisting of both current participants and past graduates. As a prospective member of this strong community, what gifts do you bring? What fears? What hopes?

7. Many people apply for this Series. Why should we choose you?

8. Tell us something fun and interesting about yourself!

9. We know we can't have thought of everything...what else do you want to share with us?

EXPECTATIONS for Participants

What we expect from you:

- ★ **Attend** and be **fully present** at every session. Failure to attend may affect your graduation.
- ★ Arrive on time and stay for the complete session. Extreme emergencies may be excused.
- ★ Participate in all learning experiences provided by the Series, both during sessions & between sessions in the form of **homework and field assignments**.
- ★ **Collaborate** with other learners to complete assignments & **final projects**.
- ★ Complete **evaluations** of each session & the complete series when requested.
- ★ Plan to **stay overnight** when possible during 2-day sessions to maximize your participation & learning.
- ★ This opportunity comes with a **\$6,000 scholarship** to the multi-session series, covering sessions, speakers, learning materials, access to technical support from Institute on Disability staff needed to complete assignments, as well as meals and overnight accommodations for Leadership Series sessions. **We ask each participant to make a donation of \$250 or more.** You can raise this from your personal funds, your family, the Developmental Disabilities Council, or your town or any other local affiliations (Kiwanis, Elks, church, etc.) you choose to ask. Please keep in mind that Area Agencies may have already contributed to Leadership so other sources would be better for help with a donation. Please contact Deb Genthner at deborah.genthner@unh.edu if there are any questions.

Participants can expect:

- ★ Attendance at 9 interactive sessions presented by respected leaders in community organizing, leadership development, and best practices in the inclusion of people with disabilities. Multiple learning strategies will be incorporated. Sessions include food and lodging and will cover the following topics *and proposed* 2019-20 dates:
MEET AND GREET- Wednesday, September 4, 2019 2:30-5:30pm CONCORD IOD
 1. Learning from the Past– September 20-21, 2019 CONCORD
 2. Creating a Vision – October 18-19, 2019 TBD
 3. Organizing: It Starts with YOU! – November 15-16, 2019 GREENFIELD
 4. Action Oriented: 1 day– Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm CONCORD (snow date December 17)
 5. Education for All– January 10-11, 2020 DURHAM
 6. Annie Forts: Its A Good Life! – January 31- February 1, 2020 CONCORD
 - 7 Citizenship: Be Responsible, Be Effective, Be Involved – Mar 13-14, 2020 CONCORD
 8. Culmination and Celebration & Leadership Reunion – April 17-18, 2020
- ★ Connections to a growing community of leaders in the areas of social justice for people with disabilities and full inclusion in schools and communities.
- ★ Knowledge and experience about:
 - Effective strategies that promote and support change & creativity to help create your own path.
 - Best practices in inclusive education, inclusive communities, meaningful employment, and creative housing strategies for individuals with disabilities.
- ★ Hard work and lots of fun!