LEDA LEADERSHIP ENTERPRISE for a DIVERSE AMERICA

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 five-week Summer Institute at Princeton University and Yale 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

SCHOLAR VOICES



MILTON, DETROIT, MI
LEDA Cohort 20
Stanford University • Class of 2029

"LEDA taught me to make sure I'm always front and center, never off to the side or in the back. You might be nervous walking into new spaces or taking on new opportunities, but eventually you realize that you belong there just as much as anyone else. My advice is to take the chance, show up, and don't be afraid to be seen."



LAUREN, CHICAGO, IL
LEDA Cohort 20
Georgetown University • Class of 2029

"LEDA showed me that being first-generation is a strength; I can bring a unique perspective and carry myself differently. Being surrounded by brilliant first-generation students showed me that I belong in spaces that I once thought were out of reach. "



RACHAEL, RICHMOND, VA
LEDA Cohort 19
Yale University • Class of 2028

"LEDA has changed the way I see myself and my future. It's given me a network that constantly reminds me of my worth and potential. I've learned how to be more confident in my voice, more intentional about my goals, and more willing to give back to others. LEDA hasn't just shaped my path—it's shaped the person I'm becoming."

Our Results

94% of LEDA Scholars have enrolled at one of the top 100 colleges in the U.S. in the last 10 years

LEDA Scholars receive prestigious scholarships, including **46** Gates Scholars in college

LEDA Scholars receive outstanding financial aid: most Scholars have tuition, room, and board **fully funded** by their university

Colleges with the most LEDA Scholars currently attending:

- STANFORD UNIVERSITY
- YALE UNIVERSITY
- HARVARD UNIVERSITY
- PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
- MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
- COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
- BROWN UNIVERSITY
- EMORY UNIVERSITY
- UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
- JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
- WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS
- UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Apply to LEDA

Who should apply?

- Junior attending public high school in the U.S., graduating in 2028
- U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- 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
- A connection to LEDA's Core Values of
- Excellence, Integrity, Compassion, and Community

Application Deadline

December 9, 2026

Start Your Application

ledascholars.org /apply

Questions?

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