

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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