

Western Governors Launch Leadership Institute

The Western Governors' Foundation (WGF), the philanthropic arm of the Western Governors' Association (WGA), is excited to announce the launch of the *Western Governors' Leadership Institute*. This program is designed to recognize and reward the effective exercise of leadership by young adults across the West, and to promote and encourage its future development.

Every year the Institute will select one young adult to represent each western state and territory in WGA's footprint. Delegates will attend the Annual Meeting of the Western Governors' Association, at which time they will also participate in the Institute's leadership development forum. The Foundation will cover all expenses associated with delegate participation.

Eligible applicants for the inaugural Leadership Forum (to be held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, July 24-25, 2022) must be

between the ages of 21 and 25 years old on July 24, 2022.

They must also be a permanent resident of a western state whose Governor is an active member of WGA. Those jurisdictions are: Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Northern Mariana Islands, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.



Please direct any **questions** or **inquiries** about the *Western Governors' Leadership Institute* to Anna Thielen at athielen@westgov.org or 720.897.4535

To learn more about **partnership opportunities**, and **to financially support** the *Western Governors' Leadership Institute*, please contact Sarah Olsen at solsen@westgov.org or 720.897.4540

Timeline

- July 1, 2021:**
Launch of the Western Governors' Leadership Institute
- Nov. 15, 2021:**
Application window opens
- February – April 2022:**
Application Review and Delegate Selection Process
- Feb. 15, 2022:**
Application Deadline
- May 2022:**
Announcement of inaugural Institute delegation
- July 24-25, 2022:**
Leadership Forum
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
- July 26-28, 2022:**
WGA Annual Meeting
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

The **Western Governors' Association** represents the Governors of the 22 westernmost states and territories. The Association is an instrument for bipartisan policy development, information exchange and collective action on issues of critical importance to the Western United States. The **Western Governors' Foundation** is the philanthropic arm of the Association. Guided by a bipartisan board of directors, the Foundation pursues charitable causes to promote the well-being of Western residents.