



Learning to Lead™ Application Instructions

2020 Program Dates

UNBC Prince George May 22-24	TRU Kamloops June 5-7	UBC Vancouver June 26-28
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Successful applicants are invited to attend one weekend session. There is an increased chance of being selected if applicants are willing and able to attend any one of the three sessions.

How to Apply

Learning to Lead™ has a two-part application process:

- 1) An application form to be completed by Grade 11 student
- 2) A letter of support from a nominating sponsor (i.e. a teacher, guidance counsellor, coach, or other trusted adult)

Application Form

In addition to a few standard questions, you will be asked to prepare 100 to 200-word answers to the following questions:

- Why would you like to participate in Learning to Lead™?
- Tell us about something you care about.
- Tell us about a time when you faced a challenge. How did you respond to it?
- Minerva prides itself on creating and providing programs that bring together and empower a diverse network of female leaders.
 - How would you contribute to this diversity?
 - What does diversity mean to you?

Letter of Support

You are required to upload a letter of support from your nominating sponsor. The letter should be no more than 500 words. Instructions for your Nominating Sponsor can be found on the second page of this instruction guide.

Ready to Apply?

You will not be able to save your progress, so please have your application materials prepared before you start. Please have the letter from your nominating sponsor in a Word or PDF document. When you are ready to apply, visit the Minerva BC website and click on the application link on the Learning to Lead™ program page.

Acceptance

All applicants will be informed of selections in late March by email. Confirmation of participation is required in early April.



Dear Sponsor,

Thank you for your willingness to write a letter of support! We are excited to be able to offer such important programming to an even larger group of young female leaders this year and are grateful for the support you offer in writing this letter.

At Minerva, we recognize that leadership takes a variety of forms. We aim to represent different leadership styles and approaches at Learning to Lead™. In order to foster this diversity, we ask each applicant questions about their backgrounds, interests, and intentions in applying to the program. To supplement these personal responses, we ask that you attest to three qualities in an applicant:

- Independent thought
- A willingness to take on and overcome challenges
- A desire to create a better world

When considering independent thought, please provide examples of an applicant's curiosity, independence, and leadership potential. We are looking for girls who are willing to explore themselves and what leadership means to them.

Similarly, when attesting to an applicant's willingness and ability to take on and overcome challenges, please consider examples of adversity they have faced and reflect on how they responded. Overall, we want to understand each applicant's sense of resilience.

Finally, when reflecting on an applicant's desire to create a better world, please demonstrate the ways in which they take initiative in the classroom, in social circles, or in the community at large. Please also consider their sense of compassion and empathy for those around them. We ask you to keep in mind that we are looking for girls with big ideas – not necessarily girls who always have the loudest voice to express them.

Once again, thank you for supporting a young female leader as well as our Learning to Lead™ program in this very important way.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at ashleym@minervabc.ca.

Warmly,

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