

Tuition and Refund Policy

Tuition:

- Tuition for the 2021-2022 Leadership Maine class is **\$5,000 for MDF members** and **\$5,500 for non-members**. Tuition includes the cost of the program, materials, meals, facilities, and five nights of lodging*. Travel expenses to and from each session and all other lodging costs are not covered by tuition. There is also a \$50 non-refundable application fee.
- Each individual is asked to contribute \$300 in order to demonstrate a personal commitment to the experience.

***Lodging included:** Two overnights for the opening retreat, two overnights for the bus tour, and one overnight at the closing retreat. Any other lodging is the responsibility of the participant.

Scholarships:

- Scholarship assistance is available on a limited basis to ensure our ability to involve many sectors of the Maine community. Individual payment plans can be arranged.
- Scholarships are confidential and awarded based on need and availability of resources; they do not impact your chances of being accepted into the program.
- Scholarship amounts are non-transferable from one year to the next; all scholarship requests must be submitted anew for the current year.

Deposits/Payments:

- A non-refundable deposit representing 20% of tuition is due upon your acceptance in order to hold your place in the class. Deposits are due no later than **Friday, June 18, 2021**.
- The balance of tuition is due no later than **Friday, July 16, 2021**.
- Payment plans are available upon request. **Please contact Lisa Upton (lupton@mdf.org) to set up a payment plan.**

Deferrals/Credits/Refunds:

- If you are **unable to participate** this year, please email Jan Kearce (jkearce@mdf.org) no later than **Monday, August 2, 2021**.
- If you wish to **withdraw** your acceptance altogether, you must do so before August 2nd to receive a refund of tuition minus deposit. No refunds will be issued after this date.
- If you wish to **defer** your acceptance, you will be automatically accepted into next year's class along with any credit for payments already made. The option to defer can only be exercised twice; i.e., you have the opportunity to participate in the program in either of the two consecutive years following the year your original application is approved. After that time, all credit will be forfeited and you will have to re-apply to participate in a future class.

COVID-19 Considerations:

~ MDF will use the Governor's guidelines to ensure the safe delivery of our programs. This includes masks, distancing, testing, vaccinations, date changes, virtual sessions if necessary, cancellations, and other strategies as guidance is adjusted to match pandemic indicators.

~ If you sign up and pay for a session, series or cohort and must withdraw because of COVID-19's impact on you, your family, or your business, you can choose to pay it forward to future programs or request a pro-rated refund for missed programming.