About Mount Mary University’s Summer Leadership Institute

What is the Women’s Leadership Institute?
Mount Mary University’s Women’s Leadership Institute (WLI) exists to INSPIRE critical introspection and to EDUCATE and SUPPORT women as transformative leaders in service to their communities and the world.

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The Summer Leadership Institute is a 3 ½ day residential program, which empowers, educates and encourages college women to develop their potential as creative and transformative leaders through self-awareness, value clarification and clear commitment to action. Our mission is to help students develop the knowledge, attitudes and thinking practices to succeed as socially responsible, effective leaders. Participants in the program will be exposed to creative curricula, lectures and expressive learning workshops taught by Mount Mary’s faculty and real world leaders from throughout the Milwaukee community.

This program provides the opportunity to meet incredible women from around the state who will mentor, coach, and teach you important skills for the future. The residential nature of the program creates an intensive learning experience that cannot be replicated with a series of one-day programs. Students live together in dormitory rooms during the program. The residential component encourages friendship and camaraderie among the participants, building mentoring relationships and extends the learning experience beyond the formal program sessions, as conversations continue over meals and throughout the evening. It is a once in a lifetime chance to meet other college women from across the state, make new friends, learn new skills, and become a future leader for your community.

When does the Summer Leadership Institute take place?
June 7 – 10, 2016

How many students will be selected to participate in the Institute?
Approximately 25 students

What does the program cost?
Each participating college or university is asked to pay a $500 program fee per student. The Summer Leadership Institute is supported by grants from corporate sponsors and individuals that cover some costs for this program. Students are required to provide contact information for a faculty or staff member at their school who agrees to assist them in obtaining funding for the program fee, should they be selected for the program. Students will be responsible for their travel to/from Mount Mary University at the start and conclusion of the program. Students may want to bring a small amount of spending money for personal expenses, but is not necessary.
Am I Eligible?
We are committed to including women from diverse socioeconomic, ethnic, racial and educational backgrounds in each Summer Leadership Institute. Any Wisconsin college student enrolled in a Wisconsin college or university; Wisconsin residents attending school outside of the state; and students who graduated at the end of the 2015 fall semester or in spring 2016 are all eligible. We encourage all students with all kinds of interests and backgrounds to apply because we believe that everyone who attends benefits in some way. Diversity of views and positions on interests is considered a strength of the program.

When is the application deadline?
The 2016 program will be held June 7 – 10, 2016 at Mount Mary University in Milwaukee. The deadline for applications to the program is April 29, 2016. Selected students will be notified by May 4, 2016.

What if I have additional questions?
If you are still not convinced the Summer Leadership Institute is for you, or if you have additional questions about the program or the application process, please contact Darcie Maurer, at (414) 930-3332 or maurerd@mtmary.edu.