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.

What is the Summer Leadership Institute?
The Summer Leadership Institute is a three 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 10 – 13, 2014

How many students will be selected to participate in the Institute?
Approximately 30 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 2013 fall semester or in spring 2014 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 2014 program will be held in June 2014 at Mount Mary University in Milwaukee. The deadline for applications to the program is March 31, 2014. Selected students will be notified by May 1, 2014.

Are special accommodations available for the disabled?
Mount Mary University strives to maintain a barrier-free environment so that students with disabilities can fully access to programs and services. If you need disability accommodations, please email Shannon Gross at GrossS@mtmary.edu.

Will I have roommates?
Participants will be staying with one assigned roommate in the Mount Mary University dorms on campus. Rooms are equipped with two beds and a private bathroom.

Do you cater to dietary restrictions?
Meals will be provided by the Women's Leadership Institute program. Should you need any special arrangements, please email Shannon Gross at GrossS@mtmary.edu.

Can family and friends visit me during the program?
No. The daily curriculum is packed with activities, workshops and seminars that will keep you busy throughout the 3 ½ days.

What do I need to bring?
Upon acceptance into the program, we will email you a list of things to bring, including proper attire and personal belongings (hygiene items, bedding, etc.). If you have a laptop or iPad, we will ask you bring it along, but not a mandatory item, as we will allow you to use the college laptops if needed.

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 Shannon Gross, at (414) 258-4810 x390 or GrossS@mtmary.edu.