



CITY OF EAST LANSING

The Home of Michigan State University

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RE: East Lansing Emerging Leaders Program Scholarships

Dear East Lansing Residents,

I would like to extend an invitation to apply to the East Lansing Emerging Leaders Program. Participants have the opportunity to network with City officials and local leaders while developing their own leadership skills. We believe this program is important to continue to grow the connectedness of the community and engage residents in their municipal government.

Graduates have gone on to serve the East Lansing community in a variety of ways including, but not limited to, boards, commission, neighborhood groups and City Council. More so, graduates finish the program with resources to help them succeed as leaders and community advocates as well as a greater understanding of city operations.

This year, we are pleased to continue to expand the program. What began as a biennial course over a couple months has grown into a year-long program to be offered every year. This brings some additional expenses. To support the basic cost of materials, participants will be required to pay \$55. While this fee will only cover a portion of the program cost, we recognize that this has the potential to limit participation. As such, the City will offer scholarships to participants based on financial need or student status.

We hope you will consider applying for a place in the East Lansing Emerging Leaders Program and welcome you to use our scholarship opportunity.

Sincerely,

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