



The West Coast Chapter

Student Application Form 2026-2027

INSTRUCTIONS

- Please read carefully.
- Complete each section in full.
- Applications need to be clearly written and legible.
- The applicant must sign the application.
- The completed application must be received by August 15th, 2026. Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered.
- All applicants will be notified by early September 2026.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Applicants will be chosen from those living and/or working on the West Coast of Vancouver Island.
- Leadership Vancouver Island endeavors to ensure that the program reflects the diversity of these communities (e.g., business sector, labour sector, non-profit sector, public sector, Indigenous-led organizations, etc.).
- Community involvement, work experience & education will be considered.
- Consideration will be given to those who are motivated, have leadership potential, and are committed to serving their respective communities during and upon completion of the program.



For further admission information:

Contact: Brooke Wood 250-725-8227 brooke@clayoquotbiosphere.org or
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Home Email: _____

Where would you like your Leadership Vancouver Island information sent?

- Home Work

EMPLOYMENT (*If Applicable*)

Present Employer: _____

Will your employer be sponsoring you: Yes No

Date of Hire: _____

Title & Responsibility: _____

Work Address: _____

Work Email: _____ Work Phone: _____

Other previous employment in the last five years or attach resume:



EDUCATION (i.e., degree, diploma, certificate, other relevant credentials)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE (Not-for-Profit or Organizational affiliations, if any)

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Describe your interest and reasons for wanting to participate in the Leadership Vancouver Island community leadership program.

2. Outline a personal/professional experience or accomplishment that is significant to you.



3. Tell us about your personal learning style preference(s) (i.e., visual, oral, interactive, self-study).

4. Describe any professional and community activities in which you have been or are currently involved.

5. From your perspective, describe a significant community issue or challenge.

6. With respect to question #5, describe ways in which this situation or circumstance could be addressed, improved, and/or resolved.



7. If you are not receiving a sponsorship, would you be open to volunteering with a local organization interested in sponsoring you? If yes, can we connect you with the sponsoring organization, and what would be the best contact number?

COMMITMENT

- **Participation** in program assignments & projects; **including** meetings each month, **outside of the learning days**, with your team for your community project.
- Have an **open mind** & be **willing to learn**.
- **Take responsibility** and be **accountable** for your personal learning.

ATTENDANCE

- Acceptance into the Leadership Vancouver Island program entails a **nine-month commitment**. Exact dates will be provided upon selection.
- **Orientation Retreat** – Attendance is mandatory at the opening retreat in October.
- **One course day per month** from October through May, with a graduation celebration taking place in early June.
- Attendance is required throughout the length of the program. Participants who miss more than two sessions will **not** be awarded a certificate.
- Vancouver Island University credits are available for successful students. Six elective credits can be accessed via VIU.

INVESTMENT

- **Tuition:** Tuition for each participant is \$2,950. Tuition is non-refundable after September 1st as outlined in the Withdrawal Policy.
- **Commitment Fee:** Each participant is expected to make a personal contribution of a minimum of \$200 towards tuition. Remaining tuition can be paid by the participant's organization. Please make cheques payable to the **Clayoquot Biosphere Trust**.
- **Financial Assistance:** Scholarships are available. If you require financial assistance, please include a letter outlining your request/reasons for making an application for financial support.
- A fee payment plan may be arranged.



WITHDRAWAL POLICY

- This application is applicable only to personally paid program fees, not the sponsored participants.
- Participants can withdraw from the program through August 30th with some fee forgiveness. After September 1, the cost for leaving the program early will be the participant's commitment fee of \$200 plus \$200 per month based on the timing of the withdrawal.
- Please note: No refunds are available after September 10, 2026.

WAIVER & RELEASE FORM

As a participant in the Leadership Vancouver Island program, I grant Leadership Vancouver Island and the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust:

- Copyright and/or use of my photographic images and/or video and/or quotes in various forms of media, including printed or multi-media materials, to be used by or for Leadership Vancouver Island and the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust to assist in publicity, promotion, program advancement, marketing, and/or educational purposes.
- The permission to identify me by name, program, and such identifiers as class year, graduation date, and hometown.

I hereby realize and accept that I am participating on a voluntary basis and will not receive financial compensation from the photographer, Leadership Vancouver Island, the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust, or any firm publishing and/or distributing the finished product.

I understand and agree to this release.

Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Thank you for your application!

Clayoquot Biosphere Trust

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"Leadership is ultimately about creating a way for people to contribute to make something extraordinary happen." Alan Keith