



BCBSNC 100 County Initiative Scholarship

The Leadership North Carolina program connects established and emerging leaders from a variety of backgrounds and perspectives to help them strengthen their networks and foster a rich exchange of ideas. Each year, through a rigorous selection process, LNC chooses a class designed to reflect the diversity of the state's residents in areas including race and ethnicity, age, gender, sector of employment, and geography.

LNC has over 1,100 alumni representing 85 North Carolina counties from Clay to Dare. The following 15 counties have never been represented in the LNC program:

- Alexander ● Alleghany ● Bertie ● Camden ● Cherokee ● Chowan ● Gates ● Greene ●
- Hoke ● Jones ● Martin ● Northampton ● Perquimans ● Tyrrell ● Yadkin ●

LNC is committed to serving all of North Carolina. Through a generous grant from **Blue Cross and Blue Shield North Carolina**, LNC is better able to support statewide participation in the LNC program. [LNC's 100 County Initiative](#) recruits leaders from these 15 counties and from other rural counties that have been underrepresented in LNC. Supporting collaboration across the state can make all of North Carolina communities stronger, healthier, and more vibrant.

The **BCBSNC 100 County Initiative Scholarship** will provide:

- \$4,750 towards the program fee of \$5,250. The remaining \$500 will be the responsibility of the participant.
- Accommodations for up to two nights for each monthly LNC session, to be held in locations around the state.

Scholarship recipients will be responsible for:

- \$500 towards the total program fee of \$5,250.
- Travel expenses other than accommodations. Meals are provided during session programming hours.

To be considered for a scholarship, prospective LNC participants must complete the full online program application as well as the separate online scholarship application. Both applications will be available on the [Apply](#) page of the LNC website during the annual application window (mid-May – late June).

Program and scholarship applications are considered separately. Candidates must be chosen by the selection committee to participate in the program before they are considered for scholarship funding. Applying for a scholarship does not impact consideration of the program application. Priority will be given to applicants from the 15 counties listed above. Scholarship funds will be distributed over the next several LNC classes.

For more information, contact LNC program director Kelly Turner at kelly@leadershipnc.org or (919) 803-5325.

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