

Last Mile Leadership Program

Please read the information in full to understand the Last Mile Leadership Program and its requirements.

What is Last Mile Leadership Program (LMLP) - The Last Mile Leadership Program (LML) is a component of a U.S. Department of Energy project focusing on decarbonization in disadvantage communities of Virginia. This will be a one-time scholarship program that will award 15-20 scholarships (\$6000 each) aimed at advancing clean transportation and electric vehicle (EV) adoption.

What is the Mission of LMLP: The LMLP is the effort to drive clean transportation and support disadvantaged communities in becoming leaders in this evolving industry. This program is administered by Virginia Clean Cities. This program is structured to address two key components:

- **Outreach and Engagement Implementation** will focus on outreach and engagement strategies designed to promote the growth of the EV industry, training the next generation of EV technicians, mechanics, delivery drivers, and entrepreneurs, and showcasing career opportunities in transportation electrification. The primary goals are to inform, engage, and create awareness about the benefits of EVs, while offering educational resources to various stakeholders.
- **Last Mile Leadership Program** will focus on empowering disadvantaged communities to become leaders in the clean transportation industry. It includes collaboration with historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and community groups, creating an application portal for the Last Mile Leadership Program, and awarding scholarships based on specific criteria.

How to apply and requirements of LMLP:

- **Deadline:**
 - *Must* apply via email between January 1, 2024 – March 15, 2024 (11:59 pm).
- **Application Portal:**
 - *You must* utilize the below email address to apply:
LastMileLeadership@vacleancities.org

Do I qualify for a LML scholarship:

- *Must* be an upperclassman in a 2-to-4-year college program (community colleges included)
- *Must* be enrolled in a 2-to-4-year college or apprenticeship program in the state of Virginia.
- *Must* be in good standing in your academic program.
- *Must* have a focus on Clean Transportation.

Goals of the LMLP:

- Award 15 to 20 scholarships to students from disadvantaged backgrounds seeking to further that education or career in clean transportation.

Responsibilities of the Recipient

- Recipients will meet regularly with the LML Program Manager to provide updates on their education or apprenticeship activities.
- Recipients will be expected to produce and present a mid-term and final report and submit to the Program Manager
- Recipients will be invited to participate in clean transportation workshops, technology demonstrations, and community engagement.
- Project materials will be shared with LML Program Manager and the Department of Energy