

EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM FAQs



Q: What should I do to obtain the medallion or pin when I am about to graduate?

A: Pin & Medallion: Please notify TheInstitute@udmercy.edu your intention to obtain a medallion or pin and submit a reflection essay on BlackBoard. Medallion (in addition): To complete an interview with an Institute Steering Committee Member after the essay submission.

Q: I am graduating in May, when is my application for pin or medallion due?

A: The application, in the format of a reflection essay, is due February 20th (Monday).

Q: Do I have to have all of my requirements met before I write the essay?

A: No, you have until March 16th to complete all of the requirements. Please complete your activities tracking on BlackBoard ("Content"). In addition, Service Verification Form(s) must be submitted to the Institute office at Briggs 232. You may refer to the ELP booklet which is available on BlackBoard and the ELP webpage.

Q: Why does the essay have to be turned in so early? The semester is just starting?

A: In order to include the names of the Medallion awardees in the Honors Convocation program, the early deadline is required.

Q: How long does my reflection essay have to be?

A: Most essays are approximately three to four pages double-spaced typed. The essay should focus on referencing many of the events that you participated in to earn the recognition (pin or medallion) and should provide your reflection on what you have learned about leadership, how your leadership capacity has been enhanced, and what you see in your future with regard to leadership because of your experiences at UDM.

Q: When will the interviews occur for the Medallion awardees?

A: The interviews will be scheduled during the week of March 19-23rd.

Q: What happens if I do NOT complete the requirements or the essay in time?

A: You will not be awarded the recognition (pin or medallion) at the scheduled event. But, you can still earn them at a later date upon completion of all requirements. Hopefully, you can earn them before graduation so that you can wear your pin or medallion with your cap and gown.

Q: Do I have to have someone review my requirements and sign off on them?

A: The Institute staff will be reviewing what you submit to Blackboard. But, you will not need to get signatures on any of the events, activities, or workshops. Your participation in University groups (Student Senate, Sorority, Professional Association, etc.) is documented elsewhere on campus and will be used as a cross reference. However, your service hours need to be signed off for on the Service Verification Form on BlackBoard or on the ELP webpage <http://www.udmercy.edu/institute/student-life/index.htm>.

Q: What if I did my service hours during my earlier years at UDM or before I was involved in the Emerging Leaders Program?

A: If your hours were part of Service Learning Courses, they will be in the Institute database and we can pull those out for you. If you were involved in Alternative Spring Break or other major service events, you may want to send an e-mail to the director of the program and ask them to confirm your participation.

If you have other related issues, please feel free to contact the Institute for further direction!
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