



## ***D CEO's Emerging Women Leadership Network*** **2026-2027 Application**

You can use this form to prepare your answers before you complete the online application.

### **Basic Information:**

- You'll need to submit a headshot (This will be used on the official EWLN page on D Magazine's website)
- Brief Bio (300 words max)
- LinkedIn Profile
- Years of Professional Experience

### **Short Answer Questions:**

- Have you previously applied to be a part of EWLN?
- How long have you been in your current role? What was your role before this one?
- Have you received any special honors and/or awards?
- Please list recent civic and/or volunteer involvement.
- What are three adjectives that you think your friends or close colleagues would use to describe you? What are three adjectives that you would use to describe yourself? Where do those two lists diverge, and why?
- Who are three Dallas executive women you admire? \*Note that should you be accepted to the program, we may reference this list for your mentor pairing.

- Please list three professional references, as we may reach out to them as part of the application review process to learn more about you and your strengths. Include name, title, phone number, and email please!

### **Long Answer Questions**

- Where do you want to be in 18 months – specifically? What is the one capability, relationship, or shift in how others perceive you that would most accelerate getting there? And how do you think this program address will help address need?
- What are three professional development goals of yours over the next 5-10 years? Be specific and add skills you would like to gain.
- Describe your approach to leadership within your work organization and provide examples.
- Outside of formal programs, how do you actively develop yourself as a leader? Give a specific recent example.
- What's the biggest leadership challenge you're facing right now – and what have you tried that hasn't worked yet?
- Tell us about a specific conversation or moment in the last 12 months that changed how you think about your own leadership.

### **Program Questions**

- Do you foresee any issues making the time commitment? Please describe below.

\*The workshop dates for the 2026-2027 program are as follows (subject to change): September 23, October 9, November 11, December 4 (2026), January 22, February 11, February 17, and April 9 (2027). You are required to attend 85% of activities in order to formally complete the program. The first

formal session on September 24 is mandatory. You will have to meet with your peer cohort at least three times, and complete three mandatory meetings with your mentor.

- The *D CEO* Emerging Women Leadership Network program membership is \$5,000. Will your company be sponsoring you and paying for the program in full?
- How did you hear about this program? If you are referred by a *D Magazine* Partners employee or EWLN alumni, please list their name.
- Is there anything else you want us to know or take into consideration?
- Would you like to be considered for a scholarship?

\* 2-3 partial scholarships will be provided for applicants in need of financial assistance. Special consideration is given to candidates in the following categories: small businesses, nonprofits, and government employees.

If you are interested in applying for the EWLN Alumni Emerging Excellence Scholarship, please answer the following:

- **The "Ambassador" Vision (250 Words Max):** As a scholarship recipient, you are a net promoter of the *D CEO* EWLN program and network. How do you plan to "pay it forward" to the Dallas business community and the Alumni Network?
- Please provide a brief statement (200 words max) regarding your need for this scholarship (i.e. self-funded entrepreneur, small nonprofit leader, or organization with restricted PD budgets).