

## Katie School Student Leadership Certification Program

### **Purpose:**

- Provide top students in the College of Business and Actuarial Science programs additional opportunities to develop leadership and business consulting skills
- Provide certification in business communication that employers will recognize as an outstanding achievement.
- Provide participants with a scholarship for performing community development work

### **Program Deliverables:**

This program is designed to develop a student's:

1. Overall Communication Skills
2. Team-Building Skills
3. Business Consulting Skills

It is also designed to provide a community service by providing a local non-profit with resources they may not otherwise be able to afford.

### **Program Format:**

Over the course of two semesters participants will:

- Engage in team-building skills and activities
- Take several personality assessments;
- Participate in individualized coaching sessions
- Participate in 5 workshops held on Saturdays, mainly in the fall semester. (Participation in the Saturday workshops is mandatory. No excuses will be accepted for non-attendance.)
- Do consulting for a local non-profit organization
- Do a presentation of recommendations to the organization's Board of Directors.

### **Program Eligibility\*:**

To be eligible, a student must have demonstrated leadership potential (i.e. serving as officer in a student organization or taking a leadership role in a community position), must have completed at least 80 hours of college credit with an overall GPA of 3.0 (on 4-point scale), and must have the interest and ability to complete approximately 100 hours of personal development activities over the course of two consecutive semesters.

\*Students do not have to be an insurance major or minor but must have at least be enrolled in FIL 250 in either the fall or spring semester. Students will be taught the necessary risk consulting skills and non-insurance majors have succeeded in the program in past years. Insurance majors and minors will be given priority. Students who do not meet the GPA eligibility requirements MUST first interview with the Katie School Director and MUST have a letter of recommendation from a faculty member describing the student's leadership potential.

**Program Coordinator(s):**

The Program Coordinators for the Katie School Student Leadership Program are the Katie School Director, James R. Jones, CPCU, ARM, AIC, AIS and the College of Business, Executive Education Coordinator, Alan Bedell, CLU, ChFC, FMLI.

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Risk Consulting Support

Students will be supporting in their risk consulting efforts by former Director of Risk Management at Growmark, Michael Smith, CPCU, ARM.

**Costs of Program:**

Although the cost of the program amounts to hundreds of dollars per participant, the program is sponsored by a combination of industry sponsors and the College of Business and is offered **FREE** to all participants who are selected for the program.

**Scholarship:**

Students who successfully complete all parts of the program will earn a \$750 scholarship. This will be paid in two parts. The Program Coordinator's have the right to not pay the scholarship or to prorate the scholarship amount based on non-performance or inferior performance during the program.

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### Application Form

**Student Name:**

**GPA:**

**Leadership Role in Student Organization:**

**Leadership Role in Other Organizations:**

**Student Major(s):**

**Student E-mail:**

**Student Phone:**

**Number of Hours Student Works Per Week:**