

■ MELD VIII Participant

APPLICATION



To apply for MELD VIII, running 2023-2024, complete all areas below & submit by August 25, 2023.

NAME:

WORK ADDRESS:

TITLE:

CITY, STATE, ZIP:

DEPARTMENT OR REGION:

EMAIL:

WORK PHONE:

CELL PHONE:

HOME PHONE:

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE: In two pages or less, please highlight your last three years of professional experience and community involvement in a separate attachment.

SHORT ESSAY QUESTIONS: Please respond to the following essay questions to be considered for MELD VIII. Responses may be provided on a separate sheet of paper, if necessary.

What do you hope to gain, learn, or achieve by participating in the Missouri Extension Leadership Development program?

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In 100 words or less, describe an activity where you provided leadership. Describe what that leadership experience has meant to you.

In 100 words or less, describe how your leadership skills will contribute to the vision and future of MU Extension and Engagement.

PARTICIPATION QUESTIONS:

1. Are you willing to disconnect from work responsibilities while attending all MELD sessions, whether online or in-person? Yes No
2. Are you committed to being fully prepared for each session by completing any pre-work that may be needed? Yes No
3. Are you willing to develop a personal action plan and work on it throughout the MELD program? Yes No
4. Are you willing to invest in connecting with other participants during and between sessions to deepen your leadership development? Yes No
5. Are you willing to invest personal time and energy during and between sessions to maximize the MELD experience to the fullest extent possible? Yes No
6. Are you willing to do the work necessary to lead a change initiative and present your project to the rest of the cohort? Yes No

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Submission of an application indicates that if selected for MELD VIII, you agree to participate fully in:

■ Three, 5-day MELD VIII experiential learning opportunities:

- ▶ Session I: October 2-6, 2023, Lake of the Ozarks, MO
- ▶ Session II: January 22-26, 2024, Columbia, MO
- ▶ Session III: April 15-19, 2024, Kansas City, MO

■ Small team learning activities

■ Openness to all aspects of diversity

■ Individual study

■ A possible community service activity

■ An innovation project; and

■ Any other activities designed by the MELD planning team.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:

DATE:

SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE:

DATE:

SUBMITTING APPLICATION: Please forward the application to your supervisor for their signature before submitting. Email the complete application (with attachments, if needed) to Dewey Thompson at thompsonde@missouri.edu by August 25, 2023.

Exempt employees are eligible to apply. Two years of experience with MU Extension is preferred. Questions regarding eligibility should be directed to:

- ▶ Dewey Thompson, Director of Missouri Training Institute
thompsonde@missouri.edu | (573) 882-2861

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2023

2023-2024 MELD PLANNING TEAM

- Dewey Thompson, Director
- Wayne Prewitt, Regional Director
- Shatomi Luster-Edward, Regional Director
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- Jessica Trussell, Field Specialist in Human Development
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