



# United Way's Emerging Leaders United (ELU) Frequently Asked Questions

## What is Emerging Leaders United?

Emerging Leaders United (ELU) is a diverse group of young professionals that seek to influence lasting change in the Eastern Panhandle through volunteerism, advocacy, and philanthropy. Throughout the year, members gain access to hands-on volunteer opportunities to connect and serve with others, invitations to networking events with community leaders and leadership development opportunities. ELU brings individuals under 45 together to advance positive community change.

## What are the benefits of becoming a member?

- Build your leadership capacity through access to leadership development opportunities.
- Make an impact by taking part in hands-on volunteer opportunities to connect and serve with others.
- Strengthen your network by connecting with other Emerging Leaders at social events, online and in exclusive sessions with business and community leaders.

## What type of events do you hold?

ELU holds leadership and professional development events, volunteer opportunities to connect and serve with others, and networking events with community-minded young professionals.

## How much do events cost?

Thanks to our ELU sponsor, CNB Bank, all events are free for members. Non-members are invited to attend one ELU event at no cost. Volunteer events are always free to all participants.

## How can I join?

Young professionals (under 45) who make a \$250 annual gift to United Way of the Eastern Panhandle are eligible to join. Here's how:

- Make a pledge of \$250 or more through your United Way workplace campaign. Payments can be made with each paycheck via payroll deduction.
- Make your gift online today and select Emerging Leaders United under Leadership Donor. The online donation can be divided into monthly (\$20.84/month), quarterly (\$62.50/quarter) or annual payments.
- If you already donate \$250 or more to United Way through your workplace and would like to connect your contribution to an ELU membership, please contact Heather Polinik at [hpolinik@uwayep.org](mailto:hpolinik@uwayep.org).



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