



**Application for MBA in School Leadership  
University of Denver, Daniels College of Business and Get Smart Schools**

**About this program**

Beginning in Spring, 2010, the University of Denver's Daniels College of Business will incorporate its cutting edge MBA core curriculum with a specially-designed concentration in education, developed in cooperation with the Morgridge College of Education and Get Smart Schools, a non-profit organization designed to dramatically increase the number of high quality schools serving low-income students in Colorado's Front Range.

All elective courses will be specially designed to train future leaders of autonomous schools. Unlike traditional Principal preparation, this will give participants both the business and instructional expertise to manage and lead schools closing the academic achievement gap.

The first cohort – or team of students – of the program will start classes in March 2010, culminating with the opening of their new schools in late August 2012. By that time, participants will have completed their MBA and residencies and had 5-6 months of dedicated planning time to prepare for the opening of their schools. There will also be financial incentives available for a limited number of participants, including tuition loan forgiveness and residency stipends.

**How to Apply to the MBA in School Leadership**

- Submit this completed application to Sari Levy at [Sari@getsmartschools.org](mailto:Sari@getsmartschools.org) or 370 17th St., Ste. 5300, Denver, CO 80202
- Take the GMAT or GRE if you do not already have a Master's degree
- Submit your application to the Daniels School of Business, found here: <http://www.daniels.du.edu/degreesmajors/fulltimemba/admissionsapplying.html>

You must be separately admitted by both Daniels and Get Smart Schools to be considered for stipends and tuition reimbursement.

Classes will begin in March, 2010. Daniels accepts applications on a rolling basis until January, 2010. Get Smart Schools will begin interviewing applicants in December, 2009. We look forward to hearing from you.



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| First Name                           | Last Name                        |
| Street Address                       | City                             |
| State                                | Zip Code                         |
| Phone Number                         | Email                            |
| Undergraduate Institution            | Degree and Year Degree Conferred |
| GPA                                  |                                  |
| Graduate Institution (if applicable) | Degree and Year Degree Conferred |
| GPA                                  |                                  |

**References** – Please include the name, title, and phone number for each of the below references.

- Reference 1 – Your current or immediate past employer
- Reference 2 – A person you have managed in the workplace
- Reference 3 – Another past employer
- Reference 4 – A teacher with whom you have worked (optional)
- Reference 5 – A person acquainted with your leadership style and accomplishments

**Short Essays**

1. Of what accomplishment outside of your work are you most proud?
2. Autonomous/Charter School Concept Paper. Describe in 1,000 words or less your concept for a charter school.

**Please Attach:** Resume, Transcripts and Essays

*Please call or email Sari Levy at 303-825-6246 or [sari@getsmartschools.org](mailto:sari@getsmartschools.org) with any questions.*