

Leadership Lafayette Class XXXII Application

Thank you for your interest in Leadership Lafayette. Our flagship program has become a community institution that boasts many of this area's most distinguished leaders as graduates. If selected, you can expect an exciting year that exposes you to some of our community's biggest assets, most daunting challenges, and most interesting people.

To get a better understanding of the program, please review the overview on our [Leadership Lafayette webpage](#).

On behalf of the Leadership Institute of Acadiana board and staff, thank you for engaging in this community.

Note: Some browsers may time out after a certain length of time while completing the application form. For this reason, we strongly recommend that you save your longer responses in another document (such as Word or Notepad) so that you may copy and paste directly into the form below.

Personal Information

Name *

First

Last

Preferred Full Name for Nametag *

Email *

Phone Number *

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Phone Type *

Mobile

Business

Home

Home Address *

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code

Country

Work Address *

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code

Country

Check all that apply:

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

White

Hispanic Or Latino

Have you previously applied to Leadership Lafayette?

- No
 Yes

Are you a graduate of another community leadership program?

- No
 Yes

Do you have any dietary restrictions? *

- No
 Yes

Gender

How many years have you lived in the region?

Personal Biography and Headshot

Use this section to briefly tell us about yourself -- highlights of your values and work in the community, professionally, and personally.

If you are selected, this biography will be shared publicly.

Sample Bio

Vanessa Jones is the Director of Marketing & Communications at ABC Non-profit. She is responsible for the brand management, enhancing visibility, developing strategic marketing and communications plans, public relations, media management and is a member of the leadership team. She has over 10 years of experience working in communications and public relations in the private and non-profit sectors.

She serves as a volunteer for PRAL Acadiana, United Way of Acadiana, and Acadiana Animal Aid. She currently serves as Board President of XYZ Foundation. She was named as a Top 20 Under 40 honoree in 2013.

Vanessa has her Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communications, concentration in Journalism from Louisiana State University. She is currently pursuing her MBA from UL Lafayette. She enjoys hiking, attending local music festivals, and spending time her family.

Brief Personal Biography *

1000 character limit

Maximum Allowed: 1000 characters. *Currently Used: 0 characters.*

Attach a Headshot *

No file chosen

Education and Employment Information

Education Information

High School (Name, Location, Year Graduated) *

Highest Level of Post-Secondary Education *

- Some College
 Associate's Degree
 Bachelor's Degree
 Post-Graduate Degree
 Doctoral Degree

Post-Secondary Education (List all institutions attended, dates of attendance, field, and degree earned) *

Other certifications and credentials

Employment Information

Current Position / Title *

Current Company / Organization *

Industry *

Community & Civic Involvement

Please list at least 3 and up to 5 of the most recent community, civic, church, or professional organizations that you have served in. Please explain the position or responsibilities you held in the organization.

1. Year(s) Served *

ex. May 2014-Jan 2017

Organization / Initiative *

Position(s) Held / Responsibilities *

2. Year(s) Served *

ex. May 2014-Jan 2017

Organization / Initiative *

Position(s) Held / Responsibilities *

3. Year(s) Served *

ex. May 2014-Jan 2017

Organization / Initiative *

Position(s) Held / Responsibilities *

4. Year(s) Served

ex. May 2014-Jan 2017

Organization / Initiative

Position(s) Held / Responsibilities

5. Year(s) Served

ex. May 2014-Jan 2017

Organization / Initiative

Position(s) Held / Responsibilities

For an average month, give the approximate number of hours you spend volunteering/participating in community, civic, church, or professional organizations or causes.

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List any distinctions, honors, and awards you have received during the past five years.

Please list title, awarding organization, and date.

Essays

Please respond to the prompts below.

There are many challenging issues impacting the Acadiana area. As a leader, how can you contribute to addressing one of these issues? *

250 word limit

Maximum Allowed: 250 words. *Currently Used: 0 words.*

Please explain why you want to participate in the Leadership Lafayette program and describe what skills or resources you hope to gain from the program. *

250 word limit

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What unique skills or strengths would you contribute to the Leadership Lafayette class? Explain why you would be a great addition to the program. *

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Reflect on a time when you challenged a specific practice, idea, or belief. What prompted you to act and why? Would you make the same decision again? *

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What do you consider to be your most significant civic or community contribution? (If you do not yet have a civic or community contribution you are most proud of, what conditions have changed that now enable you to seek involvement in the community? How would involvement in Leadership Lafayette assist you in getting there?) *

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Letters of Reference

Letters of reference are welcome but not mandatory and should be limited to no more than two submissions.

1) Name of Reference

1) Organization and Title

1) Letter of Reference

No file chosen

2) Name of Reference

2) Organization and Title

2) Letter of Reference

No file chosen

Complete Application

Confirm that you have completed all sections of this application. To submit the application:

- i. Attach your signed commitment statement below.
 - ii. Designate if you are requesting a scholarship.
 - iii. Submit payment for \$30 non-refundable application fee.
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Commitment Statement

Please download the [commitment statement](#). The form requires signatures from you and your employer. Upload the signed form below.

Upload Your Commitment Statement *

No file chosen

Tuition Assistance

Thanks to our donor and alumni sponsors, the Leadership Institute of Acadiana is able to provide a limited number of partial scholarships for tuition assistance annually. LIA only provides partial scholarships up to \$1000.

To request tuition assistance, [complete the application at this link](#).

No assistance will be provided without a completed Tuition Assistance Application. The submission of an application is not a guarantee of funding. The application should be completed prior to the Leadership Lafayette program application deadline.

Will you be submitting an application for tuition assistance? *

- No
 Yes
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Application Fee

The application fee is \$30. This fee is non-refundable and must be submitted along with your completed application in order to be considered for selection.

By pressing the submit button below, you will be brought to the payment portal.
