

Leadership Lafayette Class XXXIII 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 best assets, most daunting challenges, and most interesting people.

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

Applications are currently available and are **due no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, November 1, 2019**.

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

Employer/Organization *

Work Address *

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code

Country

Date of Birth

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What is your gender?

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Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?

- Yes
- No

What is your race? Please choose one or more.

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White

Have you previously applied to Leadership Lafayette?

- No
- Yes

Are you a graduate of another community leadership program?

- No
- Yes

Number of years living in Lafayette area:

Number of years working in Lafayette area:

Do you have any dietary restrictions? *

- No
- Yes

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 via social media and media outlets. This will not be evaluated as part of the selections process.

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 of 1000 characters. *Currently Used: 0 characters.*

Attach a Headshot *

No file chosen

Education and Employment Information

Education Information

Summarize your educational background, including occupational, vocational and technical training, schools attended, degrees/certificates awarded, field of study and any other training or skills you may have. *

Employment Information

Current Position / Title *

Current Company / Organization *

Industry *

Provide a brief description of your role within the organization. Include notable accomplishments. *

If you've been in your current role less than 5 years, please list your previous employer and position.

Previous Position / Title

Previous Company / Organization

Industry

Provide a brief description of your role within the organization. Include notable accomplishments.

Demonstrated Community & Civic Involvement

Describe your activities that demonstrate your commitment to the community. Items might include work for schools, neighborhoods, political campaigns, religious groups, athletic, Please list at least 3 but no more than 5 of the **most recent** activities.

1. Year(s) Served *

ex. May 2014-Jan 2017

Organization / Initiative *

Position(s)/Responsibilities *

2. Year(s) Served *

ex. May 2014-Jan 2017

Organization / Initiative *

Position(s)/Responsibilities *

3. Year(s) Served *

ex. May 2014-Jan 2017

Organization / Initiative *

Position(s)/Responsibilities *

4. Year(s) Served

ex. May 2014-Jan 2017

Organization / Initiative

Position(s)/Responsibilities

5. Year(s) Served

ex. May 2014-Jan 2017

Organization / Initiative

Position(s)/Responsibilities

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

Describe your activities that demonstrate your commitment to the community. Items might include work for schools, neighborhoods, political campaigns, religious groups, athletic, professional/business, civic and community activities. Please do not simply re-list your activities as bullet points; go into some depth about the type of activities you have been involved in and why they were important to you. *

250 word limit

Maximum of 250 words. Currently Used: 0 words.

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.

Why are you interested in Leadership Lafayette? What skills or resources are you looking to gain from participation? What strengths do you believe you will offer to the cohort? *

250 word limit

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

Choose one local or regional community challenge. Describe your personal interest in that issue and how you can contribute to making an impact. *

250 word limit

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

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

250 word limit

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

Personal References

Applicants are welcome to have up to 2 letters of reference. Any additional material submitted outside of this digital application **will not** be reviewed as part of the selection process.

The best people to write letters of recommendation are those who know you well; have worked with you on a community project; have knowledge of your leadership skills and experience; and can write a first-hand testimonial on your behalf. The letter(s) should be addressed to "Leadership Lafayette Selection Committee."

Effective letters of reference will include:

- the reference's relationship to the applicant
- the length and capacity of the relationship
- specific examples of leadership qualities or achievements the reference has personally observed

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:

- . Attach your signed commitment statement below.
- .. Designate if you are requesting tuition assistance.
- i. Submit payment for \$30 non-refundable application fee.

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 alumni and community supporters, the Leadership Institute of Acadiana is able to provide a limited amount of tuition assistance annually. LIA only provides assistance up to half of the program tuition (\$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

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.
