

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can nominate me?

Nominations can be made by peers, fellow co-workers, or community partners. Self-nominations are also accepted.

If I applied previous Program years and I want to re-apply for the upcoming Program year, do I need to complete a new application?

Yes. Since we make changes to the application from year to year, you must fill out a new application every year. Past applications are accessible in your profile if you have applied in the last 3 years. You must use the same login (User Name) to access these.

When is the application due?

January 20, 2025 at 11:59 pm

Is there a personal interview component of the selection process?

The application process occurs in two stages. First, each judge reads every application, scoring each one according to a standard rubric. Afterwards, the committee chooses which candidates will advance to Phase II, which is the Interview Process.

Who selects the members of the incoming class?

A selections committee comprised of Leadership Atlanta alumni representing various segments of the community are charged with reviewing all applications and making a final recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The board votes on the proposed class slate as recommended by the selections committee.

When does the selections committee meet?

The selections process takes place January - April.

When will I be notified about my status for the next Program year?

Applicants will be notified of their acceptance by April 25th.

How many applicants are accepted for each Program year?

A class size between 80-90 will be selected.

What are some of the criteria for acceptance?

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What is the time commitment?

Each program year spans a nine-month time frame. Mandatory events include a weekend opening retreat (two-night stay is required), a two-day Race Awareness Workshop, and an overnight closing retreat. In addition, Leadership Atlanta hosts 5 program days focused on key leadership and community topics. Class members participate in small discussion group meetings after each program day, and they also participate in a service project that spans the nine-month period.

What is the attendance policy?

Each participant is permitted 2 absences outside of the mandatory events (Opening Retreat, Race Weekend, and Closing Retreat). These two absences can be a mix of program days and study group meetings.

All applicants should have a commitment from their employer prior to completing the application.

Are there any costs involved in the Program?

Yes, once accepted into the program, there is a one-time, non-refundable tuition payment of \$5,000, which is due in June. Payments plans can be set up if needed.

Are scholarships available?

A limited number of partial scholarships are available for bold and visionary leaders from the non-profit, government, or education sector who may not otherwise be able to participate in the program due to financial limitations. The request for financial assistance is done during the application process.

Applications for scholarships are sent after the Class has been chosen. Scholarships are not granted to all who apply.

What happens after I graduate in April?

At the end of the program year after graduation, all graduates become “alumni” with a network of close to 4,000 graduates. Current dues paying members of the Alumni Association are invited to volunteer in planning class program days, or volunteer with the Alumni Association. Our active Alumni Association also hosts programs, networking events, and travel experiences throughout the year.

Should you have any additional questions, please contact the Leadership Atlanta office at (404) 876-4770, or email the Director of Programs at LeadershipAtlanta2@LeadershipAtlanta.org