



2012 Leadership Illinois Class Application

Leadership Illinois invites qualified candidates to apply to Leadership Illinois. To be considered for selection into the class, please complete the following application and return it with required attachments to be received **by December 1, 2011**. Candidates will be notified of Leadership Illinois' decision **no later than the first Monday in March**.

REQUIRED INFORMATION

Date: _____

Name _____

Home Address _____
Street City Zip

Date of Birth _____

Organization/Employer _____
____ For profit business ____ Non profit business

Position/Title _____

Organization/Employer Mailing Address

Street Address, including suite, etc.

City State Zip *County

Employer website address: _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Fax _____ Email _____

Where do you prefer to receive mail? Home ____ Business ____

Optional Information

Leadership Illinois is committed to diversity and encourages applicants of all ethnic/racial groups. The following information is not required but will help us ensure we meet our commitment. Please check the following that best describes you:

Native American/Alaskan Native White/Caucasian Hispanic
 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Black/African American Asian

Please indicate any disability you have: _____

Please indicate any food requirements you have: _____

Financial Assistance

Partial scholarships are available. If you require financial assistance, please check here: _____

Nominator Information

Name of Nominator _____

Leadership Illinois member? Yes No

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Email Address _____

Your relationship to the Nominator _____

Is this a self-nomination? Yes No

*If this is **not** a self-nomination, a letter from your nominator **must** be included with your application.*

APPLICATION NARRATIVE

On a separate sheet of paper, please respond to the following questions (**typed responses required**):

1. Describe why you would be an asset to the Leadership Illinois program, including special talents you will bring.
2. Briefly describe the organization with which you are employed or associated, including description of core business, number of years in business, etc.
3. Describe your current position/role and the leadership you have displayed in your current position.
4. Please attach your current resume, **no longer than 2 pages**.
5. List the most important award or recognition you have received and briefly explain why you feel it is the most important.
6. List your most important civic leadership involvement and briefly explain why you feel it is the most important.
7. Discuss the accomplishments that you consider significant in your development as a leader.
8. If you are requesting scholarship consideration:
 - a. Specify the circumstances of the need.
 - b. Specify how Leadership Illinois will benefit by providing you with a scholarship

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Three letters of recommendation must be submitted. A letter must be received in each of these categories:

- personal reference
- business reference
- civic reference

The nominator's letter may reflect one of these areas.

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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The conference dates and locations for the 2012 class are:

May 1-4	The Power of Government, Springfield
July 11-13	The Power of the Individual, Quincy
Sept. 9-12	The Power of the Marketplace, Chicago

Interested candidates **must complete all three sessions in their entirety** in order to graduate from the program. **We require all class members to stay at the hotel to enjoy the camaraderie of their class mates, arrive on time and depart only after the session is completed.** This requirement serves several purposes: it assures all class members are on time, ready to go, and most importantly, allows each class member to get the most out of each session. It also helps ensure the vendor contract minimum set at the beginning of your conference is met and appropriate funding is committed by Leadership Illinois. If not, Leadership Illinois is impacted adversely with additional fees incurred by the organization.

The consequences of not adhering to the attendance policy may result in the need to re-attend the session day to complete your graduation. It may also be required that you pay the hotel overnight fees you would have paid. If a need arises to arrive late, leave early or to not stay in the hotel, prior approval is required -- **no exceptions!** However, if there is an emergency that this request cannot be made in advance, the class members situation will be taken into consideration. Make the most of your experience by staying at the hotel, arriving on time, and staying for the entire session. It is an experience you will always remember!

Tuition for the three conferences is \$1,200.00. Upon notification of selection to the Leadership Illinois class, class members are required to immediately submit a non-refundable \$200.00 membership deposit to hold their place in the class. The balance of the tuition (\$1,000.00) must be paid in full by April 1, 2012. Expenses to attend conferences, such as travel, lodging, and meals outside of the conference are not included and are the responsibility of the participant. **Tuition, including the \$200.00 membership deposit, is non-refundable.**

Mark the Appropriate Space(s)

- My organization is prepared to cover the tuition requirement if I am accepted.
- My organization will not cover the tuition requirement, but I guarantee that the fee will be paid if I am accepted.
- I would like to be considered for a partial scholarship and have included the required information in the Application Narrative.

Candidate Certification

I certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and have been made in good faith. I know and understand that any and all components of my application may be verified by Leadership Illinois. If selected, I have company/organization support for my participation, where applicable, and will attend the three conferences. Further, if selected, I will arrange for immediate payment of the \$200 membership deposit with the balance of the tuition paid in full prior to April 1, 2012.

Candidate Signature

Date

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Fully completed and signed Application form
- Current resume (no longer than 2 pages)
- Fully completed Application Narrative
- Letter from Nominator (if applicable)
- Three letters of recommendation, one in each of the following categories
 - personal reference
 - business reference
 - civic referenceNominator's letter may reflect one of these categories.
- Application and all documentation completed and submitted as one packet to be received **by December 1, 2011.**

The application and required documents should be mailed to:

Shannon Fox, Program Director
Leadership Illinois
PO Box 5108
Bloomington, Illinois 61702-5108

Your application for the 2012 class will not be considered by Leadership Illinois unless all documents are received by the December 1st deadline.