



Confidential Application for the Class of 2013

The Leadership Columbus Signature Program is designed to:

- **provide** opportunities to strengthen personal leadership skills
- **connect** people and ideas to create powerful networks that can effect change
- **build** understanding of the issues and challenges of our community and its people
- **engage** participants and alumni to use their skills and knowledge through leadership and action

This application and all of the required information must be received at the office of Leadership Columbus, 150 S. Front St., Suite 200, Columbus, OH 43215
by **Friday, March 30, 2012.**

For more information regarding Leadership Columbus or your application,
contact us at 614.225.6948 or max_moore@columbus.org.

Leadership Columbus Application Instructions



Leadership Columbus is a leadership development program designed to educate and inspire leaders for community service. Selected participants learn through seminars, study groups, skill building, experiential activities, and interaction with community decision-makers.

Application Instructions

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted. A completed application consists of this form with all requested information and appropriate signatures with the following items attached:

- Completed essay questions
- Resume and/or employment history
- Two sealed letters of recommendation
- A non-refundable **\$30.00** application fee

Criteria for Selection

Individuals will be selected based on criteria including:

- Previously demonstrated commitment to civic involvement in the great Columbus area
- interest in seeking major volunteer or appointed/elected leadership roles
- motivation to address critical challenges in the community

Because diversity is a goal of Leadership Columbus, other factors affecting the final make-up of the class, including age, ethnicity, gender, geographic location, and employment sector, may be a factor.

Program Calendar and Commitment to Attendance

To graduate from Leadership Columbus, participants are expected to attend and actively participate in all sessions throughout the 9-month curriculum. The session dates are listed on the following page.

Attendance at the two-day/night Opening Retreat in September and the November 15 SIMSOC session is MANDATORY for program completion. The Opening Retreat takes place in southern Ohio and you will be staying overnight for two nights. Please make certain that you arrange for child care/animal care if you have a family. **You will not be eligible for acceptance into the Leadership Columbus program if you cannot fully participate in both the Opening Retreat AND SIMSOC.** Please take this commitment of time into consideration as you apply.

A maximum of one absence from non-mandatory sessions is allowed during the program year. The one absence can take the form of missing an entire session day or two half-days. We do NOT encourage using absences simply because you CAN – you will miss out on much substance of the program if you elect to not participate fully. Participants who fail to fulfill the attendance obligations will be asked to withdraw from the program.

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All sessions, except for the Opening Retreat, are one full day per month (Thursdays) from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Dates for the Class of 2013 sessions are as follows:

Welcome Reception – Tuesday, September 11, 2012 – 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

†Opening Retreat – 12 p.m., Tuesday, September 18 to 12 p.m., Thursday, September 20, 2012
October 18, 2012

†November 15, 2012

December 6, 2012

January 17, 2013

February 14, 2013

March 14, 2013

April 18, 2013

May 16, 2013

June 6, 2013

† *Indicates a mandatory session*

Personal Assessment Tests

Prior to the Opening Retreat, you will be required to complete a series of personal evaluation and assessment tests. These are performed online and you will be provided with instructions on how to access and complete these upon your acceptance into the program.

Group Projects

In addition to attendance at session days, class members also commit to participate as a team member with 4 – 8 classmates to work on a group project to benefit the community. The project's theme and scope is determined by the team and its purpose is to serve as a laboratory experience to utilize and further develop leadership capacities.

Tuition

The tuition per participant in the Leadership Columbus program is \$4,400. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due upon acceptance to the program. All tuition must be received by August 31, 2012. Payment plans are available and can tuition be paid by check or charged to a credit card.

EARLY APPLICATION DISCOUNT: If you submit your application by the early application deadline of March 16, 2012, and are accepted into the program, the total tuition fee is \$4,200.

Scholarships

Partial tuition scholarships are available, but will be considered only after an applicant is selected for the program. Tuition assistance is based upon demonstrated need, with assistance available up to but not exceeding 50% of the tuition cost. Those receiving scholarships must have paid their share of the tuition by August 31, 2012.

Applications are due by **March 30, 2012** at the office of
Leadership Columbus, 150 S. Front St., Suite 200, Columbus, OH 43215.

Name:
Title:
Company:
Work Address:
City, State, Zip:
Work Phone:
Work Email:

Home Address:
City, State, Zip:
Home Phone:
Cell Phone:
Home Email:

Previous Applicant? Yes No

Employment and Education History (*please attach a copy of your resume.*)

Community Activities

Leadership Columbus encourages individuals who have a genuine interest in community trusteeship to apply to the program. What is your major volunteer /trusteeship role at this time?

Organization:
Position:
Your responsibilities:

Please list up to three other civic, professional, community or social organizations in which you have participated (past or current).

	Organization	Responsibility	Dates of Service (From/To)
1.			
2.			
3.			

How much time per month do you currently commit to volunteer activities? _____ hours
Is there an area of community service you hope to address in the future? If yes, what and why?

Special Awards

Please list special awards, accomplishments, honors, offices held, etc., during your academic and professional career.

Letters of Recommendation

Please attach two sealed letters of recommendation with your application from individuals who are familiar with your leadership/volunteer interests and activities. We DO NOT accept emails or faxed letters as reference letters.

	Name	Title	Business	Phone
1.				
2.				

Essay Questions

Please provide your responses on a separate sheet. Please take time to thoughtfully and concisely answer the following questions.

1. Participation in Leadership Columbus is a significant commitment of time and energy. How do you expect to use your Leadership Columbus experience? What unique qualities would you bring to the class?
2. What do you consider to be one of your most significant and important personal or professional accomplishments? How did you demonstrate leadership to achieve it?
3. What do you consider to be a significant challenge that our community currently faces? How can you be a part of the solution to that challenge?

Below, please provide any additional information about yourself that you believe would be relevant to the Selection Committee as they review your application.

Applicant Signature and Commitment

I hereby submit my application for the Leadership Columbus Class of 2013. I understand the time commitment involved and the program goals. If selected, I am willing to attend each function in its entirety and devote the time necessary to be a contributing member of the Leadership Columbus program. I understand that if I fail to meet these obligations I will be asked to withdraw from the program and tuition is non-refundable.

Candidate Name: _____

Candidate Signature _____ Date _____

Supervisor Signature

I the undersigned acknowledge and support this applicant for acceptance into the Leadership Columbus program.

Supervisor Name: _____

Supervisor Title: _____

Supervisor Signature _____ Date _____

Payment Agreement

If accepted into the program, I agree to pay tuition of **\$4,400** (\$4,200 if applying prior to March 16). I understand that full payment of tuition is due by August 31, 2012 and that once paid, tuition is not refundable. I understand that if I do not adhere to the terms of this agreement, I will be asked to withdraw from the program prior to the Opening Retreat.

Candidate Signature _____ Date _____

I am interested in applying for the partial scholarship if accepted to the Leadership Columbus program. I understand that to determine my eligibility, Leadership Columbus may require personal financial information including federal tax returns.

Expected Employer Tuition Portion: \$ _____

Expected Applicant Tuition Portion: \$ _____

Scholarship Requested: \$ _____ (not to exceed \$2,200)

Financial Sponsor Agreement

To be completed in the event tuition (or a portion thereof) will be paid by the candidate's employer and/or a financial party other than the candidate.

I agree to pay \$ _____ of the tuition for the above applicant if accepted.

Financial Sponsor Name: _____

Financial Sponsor Title/Relationship to Candidate: _____

Financial Sponsor Signature _____ Date _____