



Neighborhood
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Institute

NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP CLEVELAND



APPLICATION

Neighborhood Leadership Cleveland is a 13-week program of the **Center for Neighborhood Development (CND)** at the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University in partnership with **Neighborhood Leadership Institute (NLI)** that provides an opportunity for neighborhood residents to build a community of leaders who support each other and enhance citizen participation. See brochure for more details on program objectives and program partners.

Application Process: A committee made up of NLC graduates and NLI staff will review all complete applications and then interview applicants. Candidates will be selected based on the application, recommendation letter, interviews and a set of criteria that includes demonstrated leadership experience, willingness to learn, a commitment to the program and continued work in the community, as well as ensuring that the class represents Cleveland's diversity.

Program Fee: The participant cost of NLC is \$1,200 per participant that includes the cost of materials, food, bus tour, and program staff. NLC was originally funded through foundation grants and now is supported through employer paid continuing education, grants and scholarships provided by Cleveland City Council. Full scholarships are available for participants that do not have access to employer or organizational support for continuing education.

Please indicate below how your fee will be paid if you are accepted in the program. Check all that apply.

My employer can pay all or part of my program fee.* Amount: \$ _____

My organization can contribute all or part of the program fee. Amount: \$ _____

I can pay part of the fee. Amount: \$ _____

I will need a scholarship for all or part of the program fee.

*Check with your employer to find out if you qualify for educational benefits and the amount available. CEUs are provided through CSU Continuing Education. The program also has academic credit available through the College of Urban Affairs (UST 491). Please call for more details.

Name: _____

Phone (Home): _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: (Work): _____

City _____ Zip _____

E-mail: _____

County _____

Fax: _____

1. What neighborhood do you live in? _____ What Ward (Cleveland)? _____
2. How long have you lived in your present neighborhood? _____ years. In Cleveland area? _____ years
3. Who referred you to Neighborhood Leadership Cleveland? _____

3a. Recommendation Letter. A recommendation letter is required. The person recommending you should describe how they know you, what they think you would bring to NLC and what they think you would get out of NLC.

For Office Use Only: Date Received _____ Class # _____ Interview Date _____

Community and Neighborhood Leadership Experience

4. Please list your current or past *volunteer* involvement (*not employment*) in your neighborhood or community. Also include organizations in which you had the opportunity to develop leadership skills. For example, describe your involvement in things such as a block club, PTA, precinct committee, sorority or fraternity, food drive, school board, Board of Trustees of a non-profit organization, etc. Describe your role and any position you held in each organization or activity, and include the dates of your involvement. (You may list more on a separate sheet.)

Organization/Activity where I presently spend the most volunteer time: _____

Position (if any) _____ Dates _____

Your Involvement/Role _____

Organization _____

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Your Involvement/Role _____

5. How much time do you spend a week on your volunteer and neighborhood activities?

Would you like to spend: _____ more time _____ less time _____ spend time differently

6. What is one issue facing your neighborhood that you want to focus your efforts on after completing NLC (it can be an issue you are presently working on)?

7. How would your participation in Neighborhood Leadership help you to better address the issue identified in Question 6. For example, is there a challenge that you face as a leader in your organization or on the project/issue or is there other assistance (data, contacts, strategies, etc.) that would be helpful. Please be as specific as possible.

Leadership

8. Who do you think are effective **neighborhood** leaders today?

9. Who do you look back on in history as effective leaders (local, national and/or international)?

10. What qualities make these people effective leaders? _____

11. How would other people describe your leadership skills?

12. What would help you to be a better leader?

Community and Neighborhood

13. What do you like about Cleveland? _____

14. What do you think are the major issues facing your neighborhood? _____

15. What do you think are major issues facing Cleveland and/or the Cleveland area?

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Personal Information

Name: _____

Birthdate or Social Security No.: (required to register for CEUs): _____

Gender Female Male Spouse's Name: _____

Children (names and ages): _____

Optional Personal Information Please check appropriate box for each category (Used for reporting purposes only)

Black Hispanic White American Indian or Alaska Native Asian or Pacific Islander

Favorite Activity: _____

Hobbies: _____

How long have you lived at your present address? _____

Education

Highest Degree you have earned: _____

High School attended (name and location): _____

College Attended: _____

Certification/Special Skills: _____

What has been your best learning experience? _____

What was it that made it a good learning experience? _____

Employment Information

Currently Employed: Yes _____ No _____ (If yes, name and address of company): _____

Position: _____

Years in current position: _____

Retired: Yes _____ No _____ (If yes, name and address of company you retired from): _____

Best job you have ever had:

I hereby apply to be a member of Neighborhood Leadership Cleveland and I am committed to participating in all of the program activities, which include 12 Thursday evening sessions, a weekend retreat, and a Saturday neighborhood tour.

Signature

Date

Please return this Application and Biographical Sketch to:

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