



2020 – 2021
APPLICATION FOR SELECTION
for Class 34

Each year, Leadership Oklahoma brings together 50 of the state’s most outstanding leaders for an issues-oriented class program. Monthly sessions, held in various communities, address critical challenges facing our state. Participants are chosen through a rigorous application process and selected from across the state to represent Oklahoma’s professional, geographical and cultural diversity. The goal is to tap the energies of diverse leaders that represent a microcosm of our state to initiate positive change for the benefit of all Oklahomans. *Oklahoma leaders making Oklahoma the leader.*

INSTRUCTIONS

The application must be typed. **Handwritten applications will not be accepted.** It is important that each section be fully completed. Limit your answers to the space available in this form. Do not send additional information. Applications must be signed by both applicant and employer/sponsor. The original and 13 two-sided paper clipped copies of the completed application (which includes only two letters of recommendation) must be received with a non-refundable application fee of \$40.00 (only pay \$25.00 if application is received by March 1) by 5:00 pm on **April 1, 2020.** (We recommended that applications be mailed, as we cannot guarantee that someone will be in the office at all times.) **Do not include this instruction page with your application materials.** Please email a full color, high resolution, professional “headshot” suitable for publication to lok@leadershipoklahoma.com by April 1, 2020 to complete your application. All applications are considered confidential and will be used only for the purpose of the selection process.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Leadership Oklahoma Selection Committee seeks to identify individuals most likely to utilize their increased awareness and commitment to shape Oklahoma’s future. Participation is open to all citizens of the state. Leadership Oklahoma will seek a class of 50 – 52 leaders who represent the various geographic regions of the state from the public, private, and non-profit sectors. Special consideration will be given to ensure diversity of race, gender and occupational background. Since the selection process is highly competitive with a limited number of participants each year, applicants are encouraged to reapply to subsequent programs if not initially accepted. Applicants will be notified by mail of the selection committee's decision by May 20, 2020.

PROGRAM TUITION

Leadership Oklahoma program tuition is \$3,200.00 (the application fee is not part of the tuition) and covers all program costs and transportation *during* sessions and meals. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to the session locations and lodging expenses, except for the shared-occupancy rooms during the opening retreat.

Tuition assistance and extended payment terms are available on a limited basis. Tuition assistance will not exceed 75% (\$2,400.00). Tuition assistance will be considered on the basis of demonstrated need based upon information provided by **April 1, 2020** at <https://leadershipok.site-ym.com/page/TuitionAssistance>. The request must indicate the amount needed and the reason for the request. A request for tuition assistance does not affect selection into the program nor does acceptance into the program guarantee tuition assistance. Tuition is due **by July 1, 2020.**

PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

Leadership Oklahoma will hold an orientation session, a mandatory two-day retreat and eight two-day sessions. The eight two-day sessions will begin early Friday morning, include Friday afternoon and evening, and conclude Saturday at noon. Optional activities will be planned the day and evening before each class session and participation is **highly encouraged.** Attendance at all sessions is required and participation at the opening retreat in its entirety is mandatory. Absence from more than one full session (or the accumulation of partial sessions that equals one full session) will cause the participant to be withdrawn from the program and no portion of the tuition refunded. Guests are not included in meetings or overnight sessions, except for the orientation.

2020 – 2021 Program Session Dates

July 31, 2020 Orientation
August 27-28, 2020 Retreat ***Required***
September 25-26, 2020
October 16-17, 2020
November 6-7, 2020

January 8-9, 2021
February 5-6, 2021
March 5-6, 2021
April 9-10, 2021
April 30- May 1, 2021

PERSONAL DATA

FULL LEGAL NAME

Last First Middle (Preferred)

HOME ADDRESS

Street City County Zip Code

TELEPHONE HOME CELL

E-MAIL ADDRESS

PERSON TO CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY AND CELL PHONE

The following information is required for security clearance at several sites that we will visit. One of the objectives of Leadership Oklahoma is to fairly represent a cross-section of the entire state. This information will help ensure the diversity of the class.

DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH MALE FEMALE

Month Day Year

ETHNICITY

(African American, Asian, Caucasian, Hispanic, Native American, Other-Please Specify)

ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN? YES NO # OF YEARS IN OK

NAME OF LOCAL NEWSPAPER (TO BE USED FOR PRESS RELEASE)

MILITARY STATUS (Veteran, Active Duty):

CURRENT ELECTED OFFICIAL: YES NO OFFICE:

OCCUPATION/VOCATION

PLEASE CHECK THE CATEGORY WHICH BEST DESCRIBES THE AREA IN WHICH YOU PRESENTLY WORK/SERVE (check only one)

- Business Finance & Banking Public/Government (State, Local or Federal – non elected)
- Education Non-Profit/Community Utility Health Law
- Other – Please specify:

EMPLOYER/ORGANIZATION

PRESENT TITLE BEGINNING DATE

BUSINESS ADDRESS

Street or P.O. Box City County Zip Code

TELEPHONE (Business) FAX NUMBER

PREVIOUS EMPLOYEERS (Begin with the most recent and list three here, if appropriate.)

Employer	Title	Location	Dates of Employment

EDUCATION

Begin with high school Name and Location of School	Dates (from - to)	Degree	Major

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Please list vocational/professional organizations in which you have been active. (Do not include civic organizations, public office or political activity.)

ORGANIZATION	DATES OF MEMBERSHIP	POSITION HELD/ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

COMMUNITY AND/OR STATE INVOLVEMENT

Please list, in order of importance to you, present and past civic, religious, political, social or other activities. (Note location if other than Oklahoma)

ORGANIZATION	DATES OF MEMBERSHIP	POSITION HELD/ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

What do you consider to be your most significant leadership contribution(s) or achievement (s) related to your occupation/vocation? (Limit your response to no more than 200 words.)

What would you consider to be your most significant leadership contribution(s) or achievement(s) related to your community involvement, unrelated to your occupation/vocation? (Limit your response to no more than 200 words.)

If your community involvement has been limited by any circumstances in the past, please explain in the space below.

GENERAL

What do you consider Oklahoma's three greatest strengths to be and why? (Limit your response to no more than 200 words.)

What do you believe to be the three most challenging issues facing Oklahoma today and why? (Limit your response to no more than 200 words.)

How can Oklahoma capitalize on its strengths to address its challenges? (Limit your response to no more than 200 words.)

TUITION

If accepted in the leadership Oklahoma Program, each participant, financial sponsor and/or employer will be billed for the tuition fee of \$3,200.00 which covers all program costs, transportation and meals during each class session.

Will you pay the tuition fee? Yes No

Will your employer/sponsor pay the tuition fee? Yes No

If not, who will be responsible for payment?

Do you want to be considered for tuition assistance? Yes No

If yes, you must submit the Tuition Assistance form located at <https://members.leadershipoklahoma.com/page/TuitionAssistance> by April 1, 2020. The request must indicate the amount needed and the reason for the request. Applicants should understand if they apply for tuition assistance, they may be required to submit supporting documentation. A request for tuition assistance does not affect selection into the program nor does acceptance into the program guarantee tuition assistance.

AGREEMENT

I have applied to participate in Leadership Oklahoma (“the Program”). If accepted as a participant in the Program, I understand and agree as follows:

1. Completion and submission of this Application for Selection does not ensure my acceptance in the Program.
2. I understand and subscribe to the purpose and mission of the Program and, if selected, will devote the time necessary to complete it. [Unless self-employed, I have the approval and consent of my employer to participate in the Program.]
3. I will adhere to the Policies and Procedures of Leadership Oklahoma.
4. It is mandatory that I attend all sessions of the Program.
 - (a) Attendance is mandatory for the successful completion of the Program. Missing any part of the opening two-day retreat will result in the participant being withdrawn from the Program; no exceptions. Missing more than the equivalent of one of the remaining sessions (a complete session or number of partial sessions equaling a complete session) will result in the participant being withdrawn from the Program.
 - (b) I represent that I am available to and will participate in the opening retreat. In the event I learn that I cannot do so, I will immediately withdraw my application or will withdraw from my participation in the Program.
5. My participation in the Program is voluntary and I assume all risk associated with my participation in Program activities, including all risk of damage, loss or injury.
 - (a) I waive any claim or cause of action that I might have against Leadership Oklahoma, and its officers, directors, employees, and agents, by reason of any damage, loss, or injury I might suffer by reason of my participation in the Program. I agree not to sue Leadership Oklahoma, and its officers, directors, employees, and agents, and release them and hold them harmless from any liability they may have to me arising from my participation in the Program.
 - (b) I agree to indemnify Leadership Oklahoma, and its officers, directors, employees, and agents, by reason of any damage, loss, or injury I might cause to others by reason of my participation in the Program. I agree to reimburse or make good any damage, loss, or expense incurred by Leadership Oklahoma, and to satisfy any judgment against Leadership Oklahoma, and its officers, directors, employees, and agents, including attorneys’ fees and costs, that may be taken against them by reason of my participation in the Program.
6. I understand that in the course of the Program, newsletters, public service announcements, newspaper and magazine articles, website features and videos may be used to promote Leadership Oklahoma. I give to Leadership Oklahoma, its nominees, agents and assigns unlimited permission to use, publish and republish for purposes of advertising and trade for such use as it may determine, information and reproduction of my likeness (photographic and otherwise) and voice related to participation in Leadership Oklahoma.

Applicant’s signature _____ Date _____

Supervisor’s name and position: _____

Supervisor’s signature: _____ Date _____

(The supervisor signature verifies that this application has the approval of the supervisor and the applicant has the full support and commitment of the organization which includes the time required to participated in the Program.)



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