Frequently Asked Questions

What are the program dates for the Class of 2019?
Although we do our best not to make any date changes, due to unforeseen conflicts, they may be subject to change.

PROGRAM DATES

Orientation
Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Opening Retreat
7:30 am, Friday, August 25—12:30 pm, Sunday, August 27, 2017
Camp Twin Lakes, Rutledge, GA
Overnight Stays Required Friday & Saturday.

Race Awareness Workshop
Group 1: 7:30 am-5:30 pm, Friday, September 21, and 7:30 am-5:00 pm, Saturday, September 22, 2018
Group 2: 7:30 am-5:30 pm, Friday, September 28, and 7:30 am-5:00 pm, Saturday, September 29, 2018
*You will be assigned your groups at Orientation

Leadership Development Day
Thursday, November 1, 2018, 7:30 am-5:00 pm

Criminal Justice & Public Safety Day
Thursday, December 6, 2018, 7:30 am-5:00 pm

Education Day
Thursday, January 10, 2019, 7:30 am-5:00 pm

Economic & Community Development Day
Thursday, February 7, 2019, 7:30 am-5:00 pm

Power, Influence, and Leadership Day
Thursday, March 21, 2019, 7:30 am-5:00 pm

Closing Retreat
10:00 am, Sunday, April 28-12:30 pm, Monday, April 29, 2019
*Overnight stay is required

Make-Up Day
Thursday, March 28, 2019, 7:30 am-5:00 pm
*This day is scheduled in case another program day must be cancelled due to weather, etc.
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.

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 May 1st.

How many applicants are accepted for each Program year?
A class size between 75-85 will be selected.

What are some of the criteria for acceptance?
[CLICK HERE FOR CRITERIA]

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 $4,500, which is due in June. Payments plans can be set-up if needed. Your tuition does pay for the overnight stay Opening Retreat and Closing Retreat.

Are scholarships available?
Limited partial scholarships are offered based on need. 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 LauraGuerin@LeadershipAtlanta.org