



United Way
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2019 CYCLE 8 APPLICATION FORM

Application Deadline: January 25, 2019

Online applications are preferred. Please visit liveunitedcentralohio.org/cnla

Applications may also be returned to sharon.ware@uwcentralohio.org
or delivered to United Way of Central Ohio by 5 p.m. Friday, January 25, 2019.

Please contact Sharon Ware at 614.241.3071 or sharon.ware@uwcentralohio.org for assistance.

The Central Neighborhood Leadership Academy (NLA Central) is an initiative supported by United Way of Central Ohio and Fifth Third Bank. This community leadership program was designed to provide valuable training to current and emerging leaders. As a result of the success of this initiative, three place based neighborhood academies have been launched in the South Side, Near East Side, and Linden areas.

The Central Neighborhood Leadership Academy curriculum has now evolved into a supportive master program of leadership development in the areas of strategic planning designs, impactful restorative communications and collaboration skills. The program is a commitment of eight Saturday sessions, February through April 2019. This innovative cycle welcomes new and emerging leaders as well as alumni from previous NLA programs.

WORKSHOP TOPICS:

- Community Strategic Planning**
- Community Profiling and Research**
- Restorative Practices:** Certified training in Peace and Violence Prevention, restoring civility in conversations
- Authentic Communication:** Media truth and community story building
- Transformative Community Engagement:** Advocacy, Best Practices
- Steps to Inclusive and Equitable Communities**

WORKSHOP DATES

Dates may be adjusted due to inclement weather

Saturday, February 2, 2019	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Saturday, February 16, 2019	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Saturday, February 23, 2019	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Thursday, February 28, 2019	5:30 – 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 2, 2019	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Saturday, March 16, 2019	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Saturday, March 30, 2019	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Saturday, April 6, 2019	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Thursday, April 11, 2019	Graduation
Saturday, April 27, 2019	Community Tour

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PARTICIPANT EXPECTATIONS

The Neighborhood Leadership Program is designed to provide a holistic experience in community leadership building.

- To complete the program, participants are expected to attend and actively engage in all workshops and team meetings throughout the 10-week curriculum
- The session dates are listed on the previous page. Please consider your availability and commitment to these dates when you apply
- Participants who do not fulfill the attendance obligations, or do not receive the intended benefits of the program, will be asked to withdraw from the program
- Pay a non-refundable tuition fee of \$50 prior to the first workshop
- Arrive at each session on time and be prepared with assigned homework
- Participants must be respectful of their colleagues, NLA staff and facilitators. The NLA staff facilitator reserves the right to dismiss participants from the program if disparaging remarks or actions are made about other participants, presenters, staff, etc.
- Take initiative to develop relationships with classmates

Attendance Requirements

- Attend each workshop and remain through its entirety
- **Participants must check personal calendars to make sure workshop dates can be honored**
- Attend all scheduled workshops and field trips. Participants are only allowed **two excused absences** during the 10-week program
- All absences must be approved by the NLA coordinator
- **Any participant missing more than two workshops will no longer be allowed to attend the remaining workshops sessions for that particular cycle**
- Participants missing two sessions will have the option to reapply for the next Neighborhood Leadership Academy cycle

****Attendance is MANDATORY at the Orientation and the Opening workshop, both will meet at 360 S. Third Street. You will not be eligible for acceptance into the NLA if you cannot fully participate in both of these sessions.***

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

- Open to any adult (age 18 and older) City of Columbus resident who aspires to bring positive and productive change to Columbus neighborhoods
- Upon acceptance, applicants are required to pay a \$50 non-refundable registration fee. Part of the NLA application process may include an in-person interview

PARTICIPANT CRITERIA

Successful candidates will be those who:

- Are already actively involved with a group in their neighborhoods and have demonstrated an interest and/or shown leadership potential
- Are involved in Franklin County neighborhoods
- Are open to new ideas and concepts of leadership and community building
- Exhibit a positive attitude and belief that there is always room for improvement
- Are willing to become a member of the NLA alumni group at the conclusion of the academy to help future emerging leaders successfully complete future academies

APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete the application and submit it by email to sharon.ware@uwcentralohio.org or mail/deliver to Sharon L. Ware, United Way of Central Ohio, 360 S. Third St., Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Please complete the following sections. If something does not apply to you, indicate "NA" (for example, if you do not have a home phone number, just write in "NA").

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone (Home): _____ Phone (Cell): _____

Preferred Email: _____

T-shirt Size: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____ 2XL _____

Dietary Needs: None _____ Vegetarian _____ Other _____

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Please list two community organizations reflecting your community involvement (current or past) activities. Briefly state your role within the organization, purpose of the organization and the start and end dates of your involvement. (Example: Boy Scouts – troop leader 2005–2008; Reeb-Hosack Civic Association – participant, 2004–present) If you have never been involved in an organization, indicate “NA.”

Organization One: _____ **Organization Two:** _____

Purpose of organization: _____ Purpose of organization: _____

Years of Involvement: _____ Years of Involvement: _____
Start year _____ to end year _____ Start year _____ to end year _____

Your role: _____ Your role: _____

PLEASE LIST TWO PEOPLE

(1) who know you, your character and commitment to the community and (2) who would be willing to act as a reference if contacted by United Way Neighborhood Leadership Academy staff.

Name One: _____ **Name Two:** _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to you: _____ Relationship to you: _____

How long has this person known you? _____ How long has this person known you? _____

PLEASE ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW

Your responses to the answers can be up to two typewritten pages. The online version will also restrict you to two pages.

1. What five things do you wish to gain by participating in United Way's Neighborhood Leadership Academy?

2. What traits do you feel define you as an emerging leader, and what makes you passionate about this role?

PREVIOUS LEADERSHIP TRAINING

☐ NLA Central Year: _____

☐ NLA Greater Linden Year: _____

☐ NLA South Side Year: _____

☐ City of Columbus
New American Leadership Year: _____

☐ NLA Near East Side Year: _____

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Please complete the following biographical sketch.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: (as you wish it to appear on certificates and name tags) _____

Birthday Month: _____ Spouse's/Partner's Name: _____

Children (Name and ages): _____

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(s) attended: _____

Certification/special skills: _____

What has been your best learning experience? _____

What made it a good learning experience? _____

United Way of Central Ohio is an organization that celebrates diversity and inclusion. To support and reflect the diversity of our neighborhoods, we feel it is important to capture information to assist our efforts of recruiting a diverse applicant pool for the NLA. Please complete the following information:

General Demographic Information (check all that apply): ☐Caucasian ☐Asian ☐American Indian
☐Hispanic/Latino(a) ☐Black or African American ☐Pacific Islander ☐Alaskan Native ☐African
☐LGBT ☐Veteran ☐Bi/Multi Racial

☐Person with a Disability ☐Other _____

Gender: ☐Female ☐Male ☐Nonbinary/3rd Gender ☐Self describe _____

Age: ☐18–30 ☐31–40 ☐41–50 ☐51–60 ☐61 and over

Religion: ☐Christian ☐Jewish ☐Muslim ☐Hindu ☐Buddhist ☐Atheist ☐Agnostic ☐Non affiliated
☐Other (Describe) _____



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A Few Additional Questions

List several foods you enjoy: _____

List several foods you don't wish to eat: _____

Allergies or medical concerns: _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name One: _____

Name Two: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Relationship to you: _____

MEDIA RELEASE FORM

Consent and Release

I, the undersigned, consent to the use of my words and story, photographs, video footage and/or audio clips by United Way of Central Ohio and further consent to the reproduction, use and distribution of the photos, video footage, audio clips, proofs and negatives without compensation.

I release United Way of Central Ohio, its agents, servants, employees and assignees to and from any and all claims by reason of the use of said photos, video footage, audio clips, proofs and negatives any and all reproductions and distributions thereof.

All property rights in and to said pictures, video footage, audio clips, proofs and negatives shall belong to Neighborhood Leadership Academy and United Way of Central Ohio, its successors and assignees.

Name

Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian signature necessary if youth is a minor

Parent or Guardian

Signature

Street Address

City, State, ZIP

Telephone

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