



**Neighborhood  
Leadership  
Academy**  
Near East Side

United Way of Central Ohio

2019 Neighborhood Leadership Academy - Near East Side

# DEVELOPING AND EMPOWERING TOMORROW'S COMMUNITY LEADERS

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Application deadline: July 31, 2019

Application can be submitted via email to David Foust at [DFoust@eastpact.org](mailto:DFoust@eastpact.org) (subject line: 2019 NES NLA Application) or online by 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, 2019, or mailed or delivered to the PACT office: Partners Achieving Community Transformation (PACT), 211 Taylor Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43203.

Questions? Contact David Foust at [DFoust@eastpact.org](mailto:DFoust@eastpact.org) or 614.247.8037

## OUR VISION

Together with the community, PACT is dedicated to building upon the great legacy and history of Columbus' Near East Side neighborhood to help strengthen and revitalize the community for the future. PACT's vision is to create a healthy, financially, and environmentally sustainable community where residents have access to safe and affordable housing, quality healthcare and education, and employment opportunities. Our goals include ensuring lifelong learning through high quality cradle-to-college and adult education; promoting a variety of high-quality residential options; increasing the power of the neighborhood – human capital, real estate assets, and businesses – to capitalize on economic opportunities; promote a holistic culture of health and well-being; and distinguishing the community as a destination of choice.

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Near East Side Neighborhood Leadership Academy (NLA) is an expansion of the greater Columbus Neighborhood Leadership Academy initially launched by United Way of Central Ohio in 2012. The program is inspired by aspirations of building a diverse, opportunity-rich Near East Side community that bridges social spheres for a vital and inclusive community.

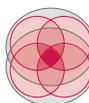
With an emphasis on Columbus' Near East Side, this unique leadership program is designed to equip residents with the knowledge and tools to become agents of change. Participants will aspire to make a positive impact in their neighborhoods by building upon existing assets of their community.

Learning opportunities will be designed such that participants benefit from a good balance of traditional, classroom-based learning with highly-engaging experiential learning opportunities including community tours and field trips.

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## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The Near East Side NLA requires a commitment of approximately 40 in-class hours (10 leadership sessions) over a period of seven (7) months (October through March), and additional work pursuing a community-based, team project designed to propel transformative change in your neighborhood.

Following review of the written application qualified applicants will be invited to an in-person interview/orientation session on September 21, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Champion Intergenerational Center (240 N. Champion Avenue).

Subsequent classes meet on Saturday mornings (9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., lunch provided) and attendance is required (with project funding contingent of full participation). Classes have been tentatively scheduled for the following dates:

October 5, 2019	February 8, 2020
October 12, 2019	February 29, 2020
October 26, 2019	March 14, 2020
November 9, 2019	March 28, 2020
January 25, 2020	

In addition, attendance will be required at the United Way of Central Ohio's 2019 Neighborhood Best Practices Conference (October 2019) and at the culminating graduation ceremony, tentatively scheduled for April 9, 2020 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

## PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

Open to any adult (age 18 and older) residing within the PACT geography or 43203 who aspires to bring positive and productive change to their neighborhoods. The boundaries include: I-71 to the west, I-670 to the north, Woodland Ave. to the east, and Broad St. to the south.

## PARTICIPANT CRITERIA

### Successful candidates will be those who:

- Possess an earnest desire to serve as an agent of change in their neighborhood.
- Believe their communities are already rich with assets and in pursuing positive change, believe building upon these existing assets is the first place to begin.
- Are passionate about building new sets of skills, gaining access to new tools, and building relationships for the purpose of achieving transformative change in their neighborhood.
- Value diversity amongst their neighbors, safety in their community, and a commitment to maintaining the existing fabric of their community.
- Are willing to become a member of the Near East Side NLA alumni group at the conclusion of the academy to help future emerging leaders successfully complete future academies.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Online applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at [liveunitedcentralohio.org/nesnl](http://liveunitedcentralohio.org/nesnl). Hard copy applications may also be submitted. Please complete the application found within this document and scan and submit it via email to David Foust at [DFoust@eastpact.org](mailto:DFoust@eastpact.org) (subject line: 2019 NES NLA Application) or mail it to Partners Achieving Community Transformation (PACT), 211 Taylor Avenue, Columbus, OH 43203 by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31, 2019.

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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to be called (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of contact (check one): Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Needs: None \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 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? \_\_\_\_\_



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## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

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 Near East Side 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 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** 18-30 31-40 41-50 51-60 61 and over

**Religion:** Agnostic Atheist Buddhist Christian Hindu Jewish Muslim Non affiliated  
Other (Describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**Household Income (per year):** <\$10,000 \$10,000-\$30,000 \$30,000-\$60,000 \$60,000-\$100,000 >\$100,000

### Personal Information:

What community activities are you currently involved in? \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived on the Near East Side? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you love about the Near East Side? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Near East Side Neighborhood Leadership Academy? \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in participating in the Near East Side Neighborhood Leadership Academy? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe your ideal community? \_\_\_\_\_

### Education (High school degree not required for participation):

Highest degree you have earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Certification/special skills: \_\_\_\_\_

What has been your best learning experience? \_\_\_\_\_

What was it that made it a good learning experience? \_\_\_\_\_

## YOUR AVAILABILITY

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Generally, participants are allowed two (2) absences over the ten (10) class sessions. Additional absences may adversely affect learning outcomes and project opportunities. In addition, attendance will be required at the United Way of Central Ohio's 2019 Neighborhood Best Practices Conference (October 2019) and at the culminating graduation ceremony, tentatively scheduled for April 9, 2020 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

At this time, do you have any known conflicts with any of the above dates?

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## YOUR GIFTS

Please share with us a bit about the gifts you bring as a potential participant in the Near East Side NLA. We are interested in all skills and abilities. They may have been learned through experience in the home or with your family. They may be skills you've learned at your house of worship or in the community. They may also be skills you have learned on the job. It is okay to leave some sections blank that do not meet your personal skillsets.

**Hospitality** (Examples include: Caring for children or the elderly, welcoming new neighbors, listening to others, etc.)

Yes, I have skills related to Hospitality.

If you checked the box above, please share with us more about your Hospitality related skills.

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## YOUR GIFTS *(continued)*

**Craftsmanship** (Examples include: carpentry, house repairs, gardening etc.)

Yes, I have skills related to Craftsmanship.

If you checked the box above, please share with us more about your Craftsmanship related skills.

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**Artistic Skills** (Examples include: Design, painting, music etc.)

Yes, I have Artistic Skills.

If you checked the box above, please share with us more about your Artistic Skills.

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**Food** (Examples include: Cooking, serving, cleaning, recycling etc.)

Yes, I have skills related to Food.

If you checked the box above, please share with us more about your Food related skills.

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**Office** (Examples include: Typing, PC skills, running a business, making a budget, organizing etc.)

Yes, I have skills related to an Office environment.

If you checked the box above, please share with us more about your Office related skills.

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Are there any other skills that you have which we haven't mentioned?

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## Priority Skills

When you think about your skills, what three things do you think you do best?

- 1.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.) \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any skills you would like to teach?

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What skills would you most like to learn?

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Please list two examples (current or past) of where you have used your skills in leadership. Examples may include in your neighborhood, at work, with your family, or at your house of worship. These may include informal forms of leadership that do not necessarily have an official position or title associated with them.

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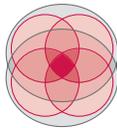
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