



**Neighborhood  
Leadership  
Academy**  
Greater Linden

United Way of Central Ohio  
2019 Neighborhood Leadership Academy - Greater Linden

# DEVELOPING AND EMPOWERING TOMORROW'S COMMUNITY LEADERS

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Application deadline: October 30, 2019

Application can be submitted via email to Jonnelle Harrison at [jharrison@saintstephensch.org](mailto:jharrison@saintstephensch.org) (subject line: 2019 Greater Linden Application) or online by 11:59 p.m. Thursday, October 30, or deliver to the St. Stephen's Community House, 1500 E. 17th Ave, Columbus, OH 43219.

Questions? Contact Jonnelle Harrison at [jharrison@saintstephensch.org](mailto:jharrison@saintstephensch.org) or call 614.294.6347 Ext: 429

## OUR VISION

Greater Linden is a community dedicated to equitably shaping its dynamic neighborhoods and building a sense of pride and appreciation of assets among residents.

Greater Linden Neighborhood Leadership Academy will provide participants with the skills necessary to build and maintain relationships, establish and expand collaboration, plan strategically, and cultivate civic engagement.

Upon completion of the program, graduates will use what they have learned to achieve a flourishing neighborhood.

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Greater Linden 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 Greater Linden community that bridges social spheres for a vital and inclusive North, South and East Linden.

With an emphasis on "Stronger Together," this unique Linden leadership program is designed to equip residents with the network and knowledge to collaborate and tools to create 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.

Partner:



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## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The Greater Linden NLA requires a commitment of approximately 40 hours (8 leadership sessions) over a period of four (4) months (November - February), 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 contacted for interview/orientation/welcome ceremony session scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, 2019 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Subsequent classes meet on Saturday mornings (10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) and attendance is required (with project funding contingent of full participation). Classes have been tentatively scheduled for the following dates:

November 23, 2019	January 11, 2020	February 8, 2020
November 30, 2019	January 18, 2020	February 22, 2020
December 7, 2019	February 1, 2020	

Participants will be required to attend one civic or neighborhood group meeting and two group project meetings. Group meeting dates and times vary based upon project selection. Graduation ceremony is scheduled for February 26, 2020 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

## PARTICIPANT WORKSHOP

### Assets Tour of Linden (Bus Tour)

- A multi-stop bus tour, beginning in Milo-Grogan and traveling through North, South, and East Linden, will showcase the community assets in Linden. Sites on the tour include Saraga grocery store and a meal at Darbo, an Italian-Somali restaurant.

### Resident Interview

- Participants will first identify a new or long term resident of the Greater Linden community (North, South, or East Linden), and then conduct an interview to capture the personal history of residents in the community.

### Learning Linden's History

- Participants will spend time with historian, Doreen Uhas, to review a curated collection of historical documents that summarize the history of Linden. The session will also dedicate time to reflection on participants' experiences from the Asset Tour of Linden and to the brief presentation of Resident Interviews.

### One Linden Plan

- Group discussion will be central to a session on the One Linden Plan for the Greater Linden community. An introduction to community planning, explaining the purpose and components, will be provided. Then, participants will be challenged to author their own changes for the Linden community related to one of the 10 Big Ideas.

### Who's Who of Linden:

- Participants will meet leaders participating in community based organizations in Greater Linden area:
  - St. Stephen's Community House
  - Community Development of Caring People
  - Area Commissioners

- Safe Routes to School
- Care Coalition
- Greater Linden Business Network
- Greater Linden Advisory Council
- Celebrate One
- Concern Linden Clergy
- Martin Janis Senior Center

#### **Shaping the Narrative of Linden:**

- Whether soliciting volunteers, funding or support from city council a leader must be able to craft a compelling story. Cindy Gaillard from WOSU public media will provide participants with tips and tools to help shape the narrative of Linden.

#### **City Council Engagement:**

- Participants will learn how to engage city council and meet Councilpersons and representatives.

#### **Community Project:**

- Participants will discuss potential community projects, vote on a project and plan an action, followed with formal report out presentation.

## **PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY**

Open to any adult (age 18 and older) residing, working or worshipping within the Greater Linden area who aspires to bring positive and productive change to their neighborhoods. Greater Linden is bounded by Weber Road to the north, Woodland Avenue to the east, Bonham Avenue to the south, and the CSX Railroad right-of-way to the west.

## **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 Greater Linden NLA alumni group at the conclusion of the academy to help future emerging leaders successfully complete future academies.



# 2019 APPLICATION



## APPLICATION PROCESS

Online applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. by Thursday, October 30, 2019 at [liveunitedcentralohio.org/glnla](http://liveunitedcentralohio.org/glnla).

Hard copy applications may also be submitted. Please complete the application found within this document and scan and submit it via email Jonnelle Harrison at [jharrison@saintstephensch.org](mailto:jharrison@saintstephensch.org) (subject line: 2019 Greater Linden Application) or online by 11:59 p.m. Thursday, October 30, 2019 or deliver to the St. Stephen's Community House, (1500 E. 17th Ave, Columbus, OH 43219).

Following review of the written application, qualified applicants will be contacted, November 6, 2019.

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? \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 Greater Linden 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 in Greater Linden? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you love about Greater Linden? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Greater Linden Neighborhood Leadership Academy? \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in participating in the Greater Linden 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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## YOUR AVAILABILITY

Classes will meet on Saturday mornings (10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) and have been scheduled for the following dates:

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Generally, participants are allowed two (2) absences over the eight (8) class sessions. Additional absences may adversely affect learning outcomes and project opportunities. In addition, attendance will be required at one civic or neighborhood group meeting; as well as selected group project meetings. Lastly, attendance is required at Neighborhood Leadership Academy welcoming scheduled for November 13, 2019 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and graduation celebration scheduled for February 26, 2020 6:30 to 8:30 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 Greater Linden 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.)

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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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