



Leadership Anne Arundel Program Application

*Leadership Anne Arundel's **VISION** is to develop and nurture community trustees who improve the quality of life in Anne Arundel County by convening diverse stakeholders, bridging their divides, and facilitating resolutions for the common good.*

*Leadership Anne Arundel's **MISSION** is to provide people of diverse backgrounds with the education, resources and networks necessary to become successful proactive leaders.*

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Flagship 2019-2020 Program Application

Instructions

- Please complete all three application sections: *I. Application Information, II. Application Agreements, and III. Application Essay Questions*. All sections must be completed before submission. Please type or word-process your application. Résumés and biographical information cannot replace the application form. If you wish to include any relevant articles published about yourself, please attach those to your application copies.
- Applicants must sign their application and include a non-refundable \$125 application fee. Checks should be made payable to: Leadership Anne Arundel.
- Submit the completed original application (please include the application only, without the instruction sheets) to our office either in hard copy, electronically via e-mail to info@leadershipaa.org or fax to 410-571-0165.

Tuition

The Flagship tuition rate is \$3,800 for corporations and \$3,050 for nonprofits (charitable, educational, fraternal, and governmental entities), individuals, and small businesses (no more than 5 employees). The tuition covers all program costs. Leadership Anne Arundel has scholarship funds available for individuals who demonstrate a need. The amount of scholarship funds provided to applicants is based upon the number of requests and available funds. LAA does not grant 100% scholarship. If you are interested in pursuing a scholarship, please indicate this in section II of the application. You also will need to complete an LAA Scholarship Form.

Class Composition and Selection

Approximately 25 to 45 individuals are selected for this comprehensive, hands-on, multi-disciplinary study of Anne Arundel County. The class is composed of a cross-section of the Anne Arundel County community, representing out ethnically, socially, economically, and geographically diverse population. Each year's Flagship program has a different theme.

Selection Criteria

- Sincere concern about the future of Anne Arundel County and a personal commitment to help shape that future
- Demonstrated commitment to leadership principles
- Ability and willingness to commit the time and energy necessary to complete the program (Leadership Anne Arundel adheres to a strict attendance policy.)
- Commitment to participate on one community project team
- Employer's full support (for applicants who represent organizations/businesses)

Non-Discrimination

Leadership Anne Arundel does not discriminate against applicants or participants on the basis of race, religion, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, age or physical ability. All applications will be handled in the strictest confidence.

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II. Flagship Application Agreements

Applicant

I understand the purposes of Leadership Anne Arundel and, if selected, will devote the time and resources to complete the program. I understand that the commitment typically includes an orientation session, opening and closing retreats, topical sessions and a graduation ceremony. In addition to session days I may be called upon to participate on a community project team that could require additional time outside of the sessions. I understand that attendance is mandatory and that tuition is not refundable upon withdrawal from the program. By signing this application I agree to be bound by this commitment.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Employer (if applicable)

This applicant has the approval and full support of this organization including the time required to successfully complete the program. (For applicants who answer directly to a board of directors, such as an executive director of a non-profit organization, please have the board president or chair sign below.)

Signature: _____ **Title:** _____

Organization: _____

Tuition

If accepted into the Leadership Anne Arundel Flagship Program you or your sponsor will be billed for the tuition prior to the program start date. The tuition covers all of your program costs. All participants are encouraged to pay at least part of the tuition themselves.

Will your employer/sponsor pay the tuition? _____ Full _____ Partial

(Employer's signature and dollar amount required below.)

Will you pay the tuition? _____ Full _____ Partial

Are you interested in applying for a scholarship? _____ Yes _____ No

If you are applying for a scholarship, you must complete a scholarship form. LAA does not provide 100% scholarship/financial assistance.

Employer/Sponsor

I confirm that our organization will pay: _____ The full tuition toward this applicant's tuition or ___ a part of the total tuition in the amount of \$_____

Signature _____ Date _____

Title _____

Organization _____

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III. Application Essay Questions

Please answer each question individually and type your responses on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Your Vision of Achievement

Please describe one occasion (community, personal, or professional) when you had a vision of something to be achieved. For a current vision, what skills and resources do you need to make your vision a reality? For a past vision, what skills and resources did you employ?

2. You and Your Community

Please describe a time when you have been engaged in a community project, initiative, cause or organization (professional or community) in a manner that has been fulfilling. The following questions may serve as a guide:

- How have you contributed to the success of someone, a group, or an organization? In what ways has this involvement affected you?
- What was your role?
- How did you support or foster a common vision?

3. Your Volunteer Activities

Please describe any volunteer activities you wish to tell us about. Please limit your answer to one page. The following questions may serve as guide:

- How much time do you devote to volunteer activities?
- If you have not been involved in volunteer activities, what conditions might have changed that would allow you to become more involved?
- What kinds of activities would you seek if you had the time?

4. Your Leadership and Problem Solving Skills

In your judgment, what is one of the most pressing problems in our community? Why? As a community leader, how would you approach and solve/minimize the effects of this problem?

5. Your Expectations for Leadership Anne Arundel

Please describe your reason(s) for applying to the Leadership Anne Arundel Flagship Program. What do you hope to gain? How will you apply what you learned and the experience you gained from the program?

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Flagship 2019 - 2020 Program Session Schedule

Orientation	TBD
Opening Retreat	September 11, 2019 and September 12, 2019
Government Day	October 10, 2019
Bus Tour	November 14, 2019
Health and Human Services Day	December 12, 2019
Cultural Arts Day	January 9, 2020
Education and Technology Day	February 13, 2020
Law and Public Safety Day	March 12, 2020
Environment Day	April 8, 2020
Agriculture Day	May 13, 2020
Closing Retreat	June 11, 2020
Tribute	TBT