

# 2009 Leading from the Middle New York Program Application

## 1. Introduction

Thank you for your interest in Leading from the Middle.

Applications for scholarship will be accepted until January 10, 2009. However, the earlier you send your application, the greater the likelihood of your being accepted into the program and receiving a scholarship.

After completing an application, please send a \$25 deposit fee payable to Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

You will be notified of the status of your application within two weeks of our receiving your deposit. If you are not accepted into the program, your deposit will be refunded.

Address the envelope to:

Leonardo Vazquez, Director, The Leading Institute  
c/o Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy  
33 Livingston Avenue, #245  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

A partial payment will be required to reserve your place in the class. Full payment will be due before the class begins.

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## 2. Contact information

This portion of the application is required.

1. Name:

2. Address:

Street

City

State

Zip

3. Telephone:

4. Email:

5. Fax:

6. Other contact phone or email:

7. Where do you work, or where did you work most recently?

8. Your title:

9. Years with organization:

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## 3. Optional information for scholarship

If you would like to be considered for a scholarship, please complete the following information. If you do not complete this information, your fee for the program will be \$1,250.

10. Organization size: (We reserve the right to ask for proof of organization budget or size)

- Budget is less than \$500,000
- Budget is at least \$500,000 but less than \$1.5 million
- Budget is at least \$1.5 but less than \$5 million
- Budget is at least \$5 million but less than \$10 million
- Budget is at least \$10 million

11. Type of organization:

- Government
- Quasi-Government
- Nonprofit
- Business

12. If you are with your organization for less than a year, please list the last organization where you worked, your title, and the number of years worked there:

Organization:

Title:

Number of years worked there:

13. If you volunteer with or on the board of other organizations, please list them below by organization name and volunteer activities:

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## 4. Commitment to Communities

The Leading Institute works to improve community development and planning practice by building the capacity of its members. To this end, we are looking for candidates who have shown commitment to revitalizing communities, are in positions to influence others in their communities; and add to the ethnic, cultural, professional and other diversity of the class. Your answers to the following questions will help us choose the final candidates for the class.

Commitment to communities. Candidates must have at least five years of experience working to revitalize, preserve or enhance communities. This experience can include volunteer work and projects performed in college or graduate school.

Please feel free to answer the questions on separate sheets of paper with your name at the top of each page. You are welcome to write up to three pages per question, but please try to limit your answers to one page per question.

14. Please describe your experience in revitalizing, protecting or enhancing communities.

15. What were you able to accomplish through your experiences?

16. Please describe how your position in your organization gives you the opportunity to influence others throughout your organization. In addition, (or instead if you are not currently working in an organization), please describe your connections to organizations that work to help communities.

(For example, being a chairperson of a committee, or member of an advisory board.)

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## 5. Diversity

The Leading Institute values all kinds of diversity—age, ethnic, income, cultural and professional. All the following information is OPTIONAL, but your answers will help reviewers to select a balanced class that reflects the diversity of the area.

17. Age:

18. Gender:

19. Ethnicity (please check all that apply):

- African-American
- Asian-American
- Latino
- Native American
- White (non-Hispanic)
- More than one ethnicity (please specify)

20. Race (please check all that apply):

- Asian
- African-American
- White
- Native American
- Pacific Islander
- Other (please specify)

21. Nationality (if you were born outside the United States):

22. In what other ways can you add to the diversity of the class? (For example, do you have a skill or set of experiences that you would expect most other members of the class wouldn't have?)

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## 6. Additional Scholarship Request Information

The Leading Institute will provide a limited number and amount of scholarships. Scholarships will be based on a variety of factors. You are more likely to get a scholarship if you can demonstrate:

- That your organization endorses your participation in the program (we will need a letter from your supervisor or board on organization letterhead), and
- The organization is unable to pay for your participation, or
- There is a special financial circumstance that the review committee should consider.

23. Please feel free to use the space below or use a separate sheet.

24. Are you a member of the American Planning Association?:

If yes, Please provide ID#

25. How did you learn about this program (please check all that apply)?

- Program graduate told me
- Print advertisement
- Leading from the Middle brochure
- Online advertisement
- Colleague told me
- Other (please specify)

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## 7. Additional information

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732-932-3586 (fax)  
Questions? Contact Leo at:  
732-932-3822, x711  
vazquezl@rci.rutgers.edu

You will be notified of your status within two weeks of our receipt of the application. It will take longer to respond to requests for scholarships, because scholarship applications are reviewed by a committee. If you are not accepted into the Leading from the Middle program, we will return your check uncashed.