

ESSENTIAL 2018 APPLICATION



Dear Essential Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Leadership Austin. Our Essential program is geared toward **established leaders with high levels of community involvement and awareness**. Essential participants are looking to expand their commitment to Greater Austin by deepening their understanding of issues and building relationships with other leaders who may be outside their current circles of influence. We encourage participants to engage with the demands and opportunities of leadership in diverse groups, while helping create respectful and rich connections for the future demands in Greater Austin. To get a better idea of the Essential program, please review [these FAQ's](#) and we look forward to reviewing your application.

On behalf of the Leadership Austin Board and Staff, thank you for engaging in this community.



Step 1 of 10 - Personal Information

Name

First Name
Last Name

Preferred Name

Ethnicity

Select One ▼

Date of Birth

▼ ▼ ▼

Gender

Male Female

Email

Phone

Phone Type

Mobile Business Home

Home Zip Code

Austin City Council District (if applicable)

Select One ▼

As of September 21, 2017, I will have lived in the Greater Austin area for one continuous year

Yes No

As of September 21, 2017, I am not a candidate for political office

Yes No

Have you previously applied to the Essential class?

Yes No

Are you a graduate of another community leadership program?

Yes No

Step 2 of 10 - How Did You Hear About Us?

How did you hear about the Essential class? (select all that apply)

- I was referred by a Leadership Austin Board Member or Alumni
 I participated in other Leadership Austin program(s)
 I attended a recruiting reception
 Other:

Step 3 of 10 - Personal Brief Biography

Use this section to tell us briefly about yourself – highlights of your values and work in the community, professionally and personally. See example below.

Personal Brief Biography

1,000 character limit (with spaces)

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If you are selected, this biography will be used in the distributed class packet.

Example

Shubhada founded the SAIVA (South Asians International Volunteer Association) which focuses on enabling immigrant seniors to engage as effective citizens. She has over 20 years of corporate IT experience in Consulting, Government, Healthcare and Insurance industries at small and large companies including United Healthcare and IBM.

She serves on the Aging Services Council, Asian Behavioral Health Network and board of Family Eldercare. She has been honored as an Indian American Coalition of Texas Trailblazer, the first UT Newman Civic Fellow, and as the YWCA of Greater Austin's Racial Justice "2014 Woman of the Year."

Shubhada holds an Engineering degree with honors and is pursuing the Community and Administrative Leadership Masters Degree in Social Work. She enjoys hosting friends and a large extended family, provides caregiving training, co-directs giving through the Saxena Family Foundation, and shares empowerment stories with daughters Maya (20) and Shilpa (16).

Step 4 of 10 - Demonstrated Leadership in Community & Civic Activities

Please list at least 3 and up to 5 of the most recent and significant community and/or civic leadership roles in which you have served. Please explain how your leadership in this role impacted the community. Please list professional roles and responsibilities in your attached resume and NOT in this section.

1. Year(s) Served

Organization / Initiative

Leadership Role

ex: May 2014 - Jan 2017

How did your leadership in this role impact the community?

750 character limit (with spaces)

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2. Year(s) Served

Organization / Initiative

Leadership Role

How did your leadership in this role impact the community?

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3. Year(s) Served

Organization / Initiative

Leadership Role

How did your leadership in this role impact the community?

750 character limit (with spaces)

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4. Year(s) Served	Organization / Initiative	Leadership Role
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

How did your leadership in this role impact the community?

750 character limit (with spaces)

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5. Year(s) Served	Organization / Initiative	Leadership Role
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How did your leadership in this role impact the community?

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Distinctions, Honors and Awards (if applicable)

Please list title, awarding organization, and date

Step 5 of 10 - Employment Information

Though most Essential participants have professional careers, employment is not a requirement for selection into the Essential class. Essential participants have included accomplished community volunteers with long records of service as well as recently retired professionals.

Company / Organization

Industry of Company / Organization

Select One ▼

Job Title

Work Zip Code

Please provide a brief description of what your organization does.

650 character limit (with spaces)

650/650

Please provide a brief description of your role and decision-making authority within the organization.

650 character limit (with spaces)

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Please tell us what you believe your employer's role is in benefiting the greater community and how you contribute to that goal

1,000 character limit (with spaces)

1000/1000

Step 6 of 10 - Essays

Question 1 - Review the Leadership Austin core values (leadershipaustin.org/about/) and describe a time when you had to call upon one while working in the community. Describe how you used one of these values and what resulted from your efforts.

1500 character limit (with spaces)

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Question 2 - Choose one regional community issue. Describe your personal experience with it and how you have made an impact in this area?

1500 character limit (with spaces)

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Step 7 of 10 - Letters of Recommendation

Questions? Please contact Julie Smith at jsmith@leadershipaustin.org or (512) 499-0435, x114.

Essential applicants must submit two letters of recommendation from individuals who can describe the personal qualities, accomplishments, and experiences that make them well suited for the Essential program. The best people to write letters of recommendation are those who know you well; have worked with you on a community project; have knowledge of your leadership skills and experience; and can write a heart-felt, first-hand testimonial on your behalf.

The letters should be addressed to 'Essential Selection Committee.' Below, please indicate the individuals who have written your letters of recommendation and upload the letters in pdf format.

First Recommendation Name

Organization and Title

Letters of Recommendation 1

No file chosen

Second Recommendation Name

Organization and Title

Letter of Recommendation 2

No file chosen

Step 8 of 10 - Supplemental Items

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Head Shot Photo

No file chosen

If selected, this photo will be used in the distributed class roster. Head and shoulders, neutral background, high resolution print quality.

Current Resume

No file chosen

Scholarship Request

If you are interested in receiving a partial scholarship, [click here](#).

After reviewing the scholarship information,

- I will not be requesting assistance
 I have submitted a request

Step 9 of 10 - Commitment Statement and Signature

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I commit that as of September 21, 2017 (Essential Opening Retreat):

- I will have lived in Greater Austin for at least one continuous year.
- I will not be a candidate for public office.

If selected, I understand the commitment of treasure:

- Program tuition is \$3,500
- I have read the [scholarship assistance](#) information
- I will establish a tuition payment schedule with Leadership Austin no later than September 8, 2017.

If selected, I understand the commitment of time:

- I have discussed with my employer and they are in full support of my participation
- I will attend the mandatory Opening Retreat September 21-22, 2017
- I will attend seven monthly sessions, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm ([attendance policy](#))
- I will attend the Closing Retreat in May

If I am unable to comply with any of the above, I will notify Leadership Austin as soon as possible or voluntarily withdraw from the program.

Leadership Austin Essential program participants include individuals of many faith traditions and we make every effort to schedule class activities at times that do not conflict with religious observances. However, this is not possible in every instance. Applicants with questions regarding conflicts between an Essential event and a religious observance are asked to contact Julie Smith at jsmith@leadershipaustin.org or 512-499-0435 x114 as soon as possible.

The information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. The completed section below will serve as my electronic signature.

Applicant Full Name

Date Completed

May ▼ 02 ▼ 2017 ▼ 

Step 10 of 10 - Application Fee

Questions? Please contact Julie Smith at jsmith@leadershipaustin.org or (512) 499-0435, x114.

Application fee is \$30.00. This fee is non-refundable and must be submitted along with your completed application in order to be considered for selection.

Cardholder Name

First Name

Last Name

Credit Card



Card Verification Code

Expiration Date