

ESSENTIAL 2020 APPLICATION



Step 1 of 10 - Personal Information

SAVE YOUR LINK: To save your answers and return to the application at a later time, please click the "Save Answers and Resume Later" link at the bottom of the page. Please note that **each time you save your form you will receive a new, unique URL** to use when you return and continue. **This link is ONLY given to you** and must be used to resume where you left off. You will have the option of emailing this link to yourself, which we recommend. We also recommend saving your essay answers in a separate document. We do not have access to your application until it has been submitted. Questions? Please contact Courtney Bailey at cbailey@leadershipaustin.org or (512) 499-0435, x112.

Name* Preferred Name*
First Name Last Name

Home Address*

City State ZIP Code

Personal Email* Work Email*

Preferred Email*
 Personal Work

Primary Phone* Phone Type*
 Mobile Business Home

Secondary Phone

Secondary Phone Type
 Mobile Business Home

Date of Birth* Gender*
Select One

Race & Ethnicity*
 American Indian or Alaska Native
 Asian
 Black or African American
 Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin
 Middle Eastern or North African
 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 White
 Some other race, ethnicity or origin
 Prefer not to answer
Choose all that apply

Austin City Council District (if applicable)*
Select One

[Not sure which district you live in? Click here to find out.](#)

As of September 2019, I will have lived in the Greater Austin area for one continuous year*
 Yes No

As of June 30, 2019*
 I will be a candidate for public office
 I will not be a candidate for public office

Have you previously applied to the Essential program?*

Yes No

Are you a graduate of another community leadership program?*

Yes No

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*

ex: May 2014 - Jan 2017

Organization / Initiative*

Leadership Role*

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?*

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4. Year(s) Served

Organization / Initiative

Leadership Role

How did your leadership in this role impact the community?

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5. Year(s) Served

Organization / Initiative

Leadership Role

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

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Step 5 of 10 - Employment Information

Though most Essential participants have professional careers, employment is not a requirement for selection into the Essential program. 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)

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

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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)

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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.*

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Step 7 of 10 - Letters of Recommendation

Questions? Please contact Courtney Bailey at cbailey@leadershipaustin.org or (512) 499-0435, x112.

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*

Letter 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 applying for 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

Questions? Please contact Courtney Bailey at cbailey@leadershipaustin.org or (512) 499-0435, x112.

I commit that:

- As of June 30, 2019 I will not be a candidate for public office.
- As of September 26, 2019 (opening retreat) I will have lived in Greater Austin for at least one continuous year.

If selected, I understand the commitment of treasure:

- Program tuition is \$3,500
- I have read the [scholarship assistance information](#)
- I will figure out how much I can pay on my own, and will talk with my employer or anyone else who may contribute toward my tuition before the end of August so that I am ready to establish a [tuition payment schedule](#) with Leadership Austin no later than September 15, 2019.

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 26-27, 2019
- I will attend eight 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 Courtney Bailey at cbailey@leadershipaustin.org or 512-499-0435 x112 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*

Step 10 of 10 - Application Fee

Questions? Please contact Courtney Bailey at cbailey@leadershipaustin.org or (512) 499-0435, x112.

Application fee is \$35.00. This fee is non-refundable and must be submitted along with your completed application in order to be considered for selection.

Cardholder Name*

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First Name	Last Name

Credit Card*

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Card number	MM / YY	CVC