

CLEVELAND EMERGING LEADERS ACADEMY

Creating a Legacy of Leadership in Cleveland County

APPLICATION

1. Tell Us About Yourself

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ MOBILE PHONE: _____

How did you hear about us? _____

What is your place of employment? _____

Select your area of interest. Civic Elected Board Business/Entrepreneurship

2. Community Service History

Please list your organization/political/social/business affiliations:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____

What are two examples from your life where you demonstrated leadership?

What do you value and how does that shape your character?

Describe a time when you compromised your values. What were the consequences of that, and how did you grow from that experience?

3. Prospective Member’s Contract

Attendance and Work Commitment – The CELA will convene one weekend each month (typically Saturday) for 6 consecutive months and 3-6 months apprenticeship. Participation will also include one week day session per month from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm. The sessions will focus on developing community leadership and exposure to local leaders in business and government. The training emphasizes an interactive and facilitative style rather than lectures. It draws on the knowledge and skills of those in the room, augmented by the lesson in the curriculum. Each prospective member must acknowledge the following responsibilities:

- I agree to accept and complete the training required by the CELA including the time commitments of membership and placement.
- I agree to participate 80% of the sessions and activities. I understand that I will be terminated from the program for not meeting the attendance policy. To be considered present you must be present for at least 80% of the session.
- I agree to be on time for each session. I have received permission from my employer, if applicable, to leave work in time to attend EACH SESSION IN ITS ENTIRETY.
- I agree to participate fully and engage in each session.
- I agree to complete the reading assignments as required.
- I agree to participate in the practicum experience in an area of interest.
- I agree to lead at least one discussion session during the year.
- I agree to, except for emergency, give the Academy staff at least 48 hours notice of my absence.
- I understand that I will be terminated from the program for not meeting program requirements of the Academy.
- I give permission to use photographs and video images of me for purposes of promotion and training.
- I agree to dress in business attire.
- I understand that professional behavior and conduct is expected and should align with CELA's Vision, Mission and Values at all times.

Dismissal:

Dismissal can be the result of inappropriate conduct. Failure to comply with any of the above expectations could warrant dismissal.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

In case of an emergency, please contact:

_____ at _____

NAME

TELEPHONE

Please return with this form to the address below: *(your application will not be considered until ALL documents have been received. If you are not selected for this class, your completed application will be kept on file and considered for a future class.)*

1. **Completed Application** *(Due Friday, January 31 by 5:00 pm)*
2. **\$50 non-refundable fee** *(Due Friday, January 31 by 5:00 pm)*
3. **Current Resume & letter of recommendation**
4. **Current Statement of Interest** *(In 50 words or less, explain why you would like to attend this leadership class and what benefit do you expect to gain after the program.)*

Via Mail:

Attention: Angela Leach
Cleveland County Business Development Center
7 N. Lafayette Street, Suite 1
Shelby, NC 28150

Via E-Mail:

professionaltouchaleach@live.com

The full cost for the program is \$200.00 (\$50 application fee is included). **All applications must be received on or before 5:00 pm on Friday, January 31. First payment \$80 due by 5 pm on February 13th and final payment due by 5 pm March 16th. The first session is in March.** Location and date will be announced at a later date.