



2017 Application

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LEADERS FOR EDUCATION, ADVOCACY AND DEMOCRACY

THE LEAD PROGRAM places high school and college students in local, state & federal governmental and community offices in the Bay Area. For over 18 years, our prestigious program has trained students to be conscientious & responsible leaders in advocacy, policy and service.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

**Limited spots are available each year. We encourage all interested applicants to apply early.*

Deadline – Friday, Feb. 24, 2017

PROGRAM BENEFITS:

- Real life, on-the-job professional experience
- Community organizing, project planning and volunteer management experience
- Professional Leadership Trainings: Office Etiquette, Public Speaking, Time Management and more
- Networking with local professionals: Community leaders, elected officials and government staff
- Guidance, mentorship and support
- Preparation for a rigorous university and academic environment
- Build a resume for college applications & employment opportunities in social work, etc.
- And much more

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

1. LEAD Program Interviews

On **March 11** student applicants will be interviewed. 15-20 students will be accepted into the 2017 LEAD Class.

2. Leadership Development Trainings

Youth Leaders will participate in 6 full days of professional trainings in the Spring and Summer of 2017. Training days are: **Mar. 25, Apr. 8, May 6, May 27, Jun. 10, and Jun. 24.**

3. Internship Placement

Students are matched with an internship office for a minimum of 100 hours (high school) or 160 hours (college) over the course of 10 weeks during the summer.

4. Community Impact Project

Students work with their peers and community leaders to organize a service project meant to engage and provide resources to a specific local community. Project orientation and team meeting days required. Team meeting dates are: **Jul. 8, Jul. 22, and Aug. 5.**

5. Graduation

Students are required to attend their LEAD graduation ceremony on **Aug. 12**

6. Voter Registration

Students will register 30 new voters

7. Field Trips

Students will attend field trips to the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, Sacramento State Capitol, Santa Clara Court Room, eBay, IBM, and other trips to be schedule. Students will receive advance notice of additional field trips and events. See program timeline for updates:
<http://lead.aaci.org/program-timeline/>

SCHOLARSHIPS

LEAD provides full scholarships for the enrollment fee to ensure that the program is accessible to students from all financial backgrounds. Please indicate interest for consideration in application. *Please refer to p. 6 for Qualification Guideline.*

PROGRAM COST

\$1,000 Enrollment Fee

LEAD is a program of Asian Americans for Community Involvement, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The cost per participant of our program far exceeds the amount of staff support we put into mentoring the students. We ask for the fee to serve as a contribution to our organization so that we may continue to provide our prestigious program.

A \$250 Check Deposit must be submitted with application, and will be refunded if the applicant is not accepted into the program. If an applicant is accepted and confirmed, the \$250 check will be deducted from the \$1,000 program fee and the remainder \$750 of the program fee is due the first day of the program. Students applying for a scholarship are not required to submit a check deposit.

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*All fields are mandatory unless noted otherwise

APPLICANT INFORMATION

LAST NAME FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL

MALE FEMALE _____

DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)

PLACE OF BIRTH _____

Is English your native language? Yes No

Language spoken at home: _____

Do you speak any other languages? _____

Do you have a valid US driver's license? Yes, License# _____ No

Do you have access to a car? Yes No

Have you applied to LEAD before? Yes, Year: _____ No

CONTACT INFORMATION

CURRENT ADDRESS

ADDRESS LINE 1

ADDRESS LINE 2

CITY

STATE

ZIP

COUNTRY

TELEPHONE

EMAIL

CELL PHONE

PERMANENT ADDRESS (Leave blank if same as above)

ADDRESS LINE 1

ADDRESS LINE 2

CITY

STATE

ZIP

COUNTRY

EMERGENCY CONTACT

LAST NAME

FIRST

RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS LINE 1

CITY

STATE

ZIP

TELEPHONE

EMAIL

CELL PHONE

**SCHOLARSHIP
CONSIDERATION**

LEAD provides various forms of financial assistance and scholarships to ensure that the program is accessible to students from all financial backgrounds.

Please check all that apply:

- I wish to be considered for enrollment and tuition waivers
- I do not wish to be considered for financial assistance

To be considered for financial assistance, attach your parent's most recent Income Tax form to the application (the form is usually identified as a 1040 or 1040EZ form).

**INFORMATION FOR
GRANT AND
SCHOLARSHIP
PURPOSES**

- Asian Indian
- Chinese
- Filipino
- Vietnamese
- Korean
- Hispanic/Latin@/Chican@
- Black/African-American
- White/Caucasian
- Native American or Aleutian
- Biracial/Multicultural, specify below:

- Other, specify below:

Household gross annual income: \$ _____
How did you find out about LEAD?

- Website
- Presentation
- Flyer
- Community organization
- I know a former or current Intern, name _____
- Other, explain _____

EDUCATION

Name of School	City	State
Graduation Date	Major/Interested Major	Current GPA

**ACADEMIC &
ACTIVITIES**

- **RESUME** - List employment and extracurricular activities beginning with the most recent experience. These may be activities through school, a community organization, work, or from projects you initiated and conducted on your own. If needed, list additional activities on a separate sheet of paper.
- **TRANSCRIPTS** – Include unofficial high school or college transcripts.
- **SUMMER COMMITMENTS** – Include a list of all summer activities that could possibly interfere with established LEAD training dates. This includes but is not limited to:
 - Vacations
 - Camps – Band, Science, Scouts, etc.
 - Work, School, or other Summer Programs
 - Seminars, contests, debates, retreats, conventions, etc.

REFERENCES

List two (2) references we may consult about your employment, activities, or education. References may include current or former supervisors, teachers, coworkers, or other community leaders. Do **not** include relatives or friends. **Submission of Letters of Recommendation are not required, but recommended.**

Name	Telephone	Relationship
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PERSONAL STATEMENT

In essay format, please submit a response to the following questions in 500 words or less. *Why do you want to participate in the LEAD Program? What do you hope to learn and gain from your experience? What motivates you to go into this type of training and education? What are your career interests and goals?*

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I, _____ certify that all the information submitted in this application is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that LEAD reserves the right to deny admission, dismiss, or require the withdrawal of any student at any time for any reason, including scholarship, character, and personal conduct. I also understand that I will be liable for all costs that LEAD may incur if I withdraw or am dismissed from the program.

I understand that this application and all materials received in support of it become the property of LEAD and will not be returned to me for any reason. I understand that LEAD reserves the right to alter requirements or change deadlines.

I understand that I hold LEAD, its agents and employees harmless from any and all liability or claims, which may arise out of, or occur, in connection with my participation in this program.

If under 18, parent signature required:

Signature:

Signature:

Date:

Date:

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Application Form
- Resume
- School Transcripts
- Personal Statement
- Letter(s) of Recommendation (optional)
- Parent's tax return (for scholarship consideration)
- Application Check Deposit of \$250
- Make copies for your own records

Mail completed application to:

Attn: Edwin Tan
Asian Americans for
Community Involvement
2400 Moorpark Ave. #300
San Jose, CA 95128

Check should be made out to:

Asian Americans for
Community Involvement

*Applications must be postmarked before or by **February 24th, 2017** to be considered. Incomplete applications will **not** be considered.*

2017 Health and Human Services Low-Income Guidelines

2017 Low-Income Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia by Size of Family and Number of Related Children Under 18 Years

Persons in Family	Federal Low-Income Guideline* (Per Year)	300% Federal Low-Income Guideline (Per Year)
1	\$12,060	\$36,180
2	\$16,240	\$48,720
3	\$20,420	\$61,260
4	\$24,600	\$73,800
5	\$28,780	\$86,340
6	\$32,960	\$98,880
7	\$37,140	\$111,420
8	\$41,320	\$123,960

For families with more than 8 persons, add \$4,160 for each additional person.

*Source: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>

If you do not meet the requirements as stated in the above chart and would still like to be considered for a scholarship, please inquire with LEAD staff.

*** If you are applying for the scholarship, there is no need to include the \$250 check with this application.**