

MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY APPLICATION

Save \$100 – apply by February 10, 2012

Summer 2012

\$100 will be deducted from your bill in April.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Leadership Academy will be held only once during the Summer of 2012 on a first-come, first-served basis. Cultural enrichment activities and experiences will depend upon availability of programs in the Berkshires during your stay.

July 8 – July 22

The session will begin with registration from 2-4:30 p.m. and dinner/class from 5-10 p.m. on the first evening and conclude with a noon luncheon on the last day. Please note that you will be receiving 12 credits for this experience and there are no days off.

For program updates, a map of the campus, or directions to the campus, visit our web site at www.mcla.edu/leadership

IMPORTANT APPLICATION INFORMATION:

If you have attended a previous Leadership Academy, please complete each page of this form; there is no need to resubmit transcripts, letters of recommendation or narrative.

A non-refundable deposit of \$300 is required at the time of application. This will be deducted from the package price in future billing. Final payment will be due April 30. There will be a late fee assessed for bills not settled by April 30.

If you are a first-time applicant, please read the Leadership Academy Mission Statement and attach a personal narrative discussing:

1. why this program is of interest to you;
2. some of the unique benefits this program might offer you;
3. how the Leadership Academy experience could inform your work in the future.

Please include at least a two-page, double spaced document. This narrative is required with initial application. MCLA faculty will review and approve your essay before final acceptance into the summer program.

Residential Component and Cultural Enrichment: While taking the coursework, you will have the option of staying on-campus. Your group will also attend venues such as the Williamstown Theatre Festival, The Clark Art Institute, Jacobs Pillow, Tanglewood and Mass MoCA.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Leadership Academy of Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts prepares participants for a successful future in educational administration and leadership. The Academy provides an integrated approach to leadership for men and women who are interested in advancing professionally and activating change in educational environments.

The success and growth of the Leadership Academy at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts is attributed partially to the intense residential and reflective nature of the program. An equally important aspect is the integration of the arts (including theater, visual arts, dance, music, literature and poetry) with the theory and practice of leadership in education.

The curriculum of this highly creative and innovative program is based upon the following assumptions:

Integration of the arts with administrative theory and practice and immersion in aesthetic experiences enhance, inform and evoke dynamic educational leadership.

Knowledge and understanding of educational administration — fundamentals, supervision, staff development, curriculum evaluation, ethics and organizational analysis — are essential for effective educational leadership.

Participation in a reflective and diverse community of learners enhances the internalization of group dynamics and sociopolitical collaboration.

Commitment to a process orientation to learning allows people to build bonds and networks.

Collaboration among faculty, students, and staff enhances creative strategies for problem solving, thus allowing the skills of participants to emerge holistically and authentically.

Shared decision making builds professional collaborative communities in our schools and society.

Leadership is understood and assimilated through multiple venues; therefore, a lifelong learning process of study, practice, and reflection becomes the continuing education of a dynamic and creative leader.

Leaders must work for justice, compassion, and ecological sustainability in schools and society so that all persons may be empowered, productive, creative, and compassionate participants in our democracy and agents of personal growth and social change.

Integration of cultural, economic, political, gendered, sexual, social, and aesthetic issues into the study of administrative theories and practices advances just leadership and dynamic school communities.

For more information:
www.mcla.edu/leadership
413-662-5543

FOR ALL APPLICANTS:

Before you mail this application, did you remember to:

- Include a \$300 non-refundable deposit, or pre-pay online
- Complete ALL sections on the application form
- Include your e-mail address (Required)

Please send completed application to:
Leadership Academy, Office of Academic Affairs, Massachusetts
College of Liberal Arts, 375 Church Street, North Adams,
MA 01247, 413-662-5543.

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FOR FIRST TIME APPLICANTS: please ALSO forward:

Narrative (See back page)

Official Transcripts from completed degrees

Three letters of Recommendation; one must be from your principal/building supervisor.

Your application, narrative, and non-refundable \$300 deposit are due at the time of application. You have up to four weeks after the application is received to provide references and official transcripts. If your application package is not complete after four weeks, your name will be removed from the list. [Application to the Leadership Academy is complete only when all documentation listed above is on file](#) in the MCLA Office of Academic Affairs. Following initial review of your application, you will be notified by mail of your provisional acceptance for Summer 2012.

In mid-March, you will receive your housing application. On-campus residency this year is optional. We are pleased to announce that all housing for the 2012 Leadership Academy will be in our suite-style residence area, Berkshire Towers. Overall program costs (which include tuition and fees) will be determined by your assigned room type. The total cost will be available on the web site: www.mcla.edu/leadership. Housing assignments will be made in program deposit order, so you are encouraged to submit your application and a \$300 non-refundable deposit as early as possible. In addition, applications postmarked before midnight on Friday, February 10 will receive a \$100 discount from the total bill. The deadline for all applications is Friday, March 9. Applications submitted after that date will be considered only when an earlier applicant withdraws.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Deposit must be pre-paid online or must accompany the application to insure registration. Depending upon your room choice and other variable costs, overall program costs may vary upward from \$4,100 for non-residential and \$6,470 and up for residential students depending upon room choice. Please go to: www.mcla.edu/leadership for full pricing information.

Checks: Mail application along with a check payable to MCLA.

Credit Card: Pay online at www.mcla.edu/studentaccounts. Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover accepted.

Follow these instructions to pre-pay the deposit on-line:

Select: Pay Online Now

Enter: "A" number and last name. If you do not have an "A" number, please call the Registrar's Office at 413-662-5216.

Select: Leadership Academy

Enter: amount you are paying and credit card information.

Please be sure to: mail application with credit card confirmation number.

Applicants are asked to arrange for official transcripts (sealed envelope with Registrar's official stamp) for all completed degrees, and three letters of reference. These credentials, application, narrative, and non-refundable \$300 deposit, are to be forwarded to: Leadership Academy, Office of Academic Affairs, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, 375 Church St., North Adams, MA 01247-4100.

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Name: _____ Social Security # : _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: M F Tee-Shirt Size: _____

Phone (day): _____ (evening): _____

Email Address (Required): _____

Ethnic Background: (optional) American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian/Pacific Islander African American (Not Hispanic)
 Cape Verdean Hispanic White (Not Hispanic) Other _____

Have you attended previously? No Yes - year _____ Will you be staying on campus? Yes No

State the extent of your graduate/undergraduate study: A Master's Degree and three years teaching experience are required.

College	Location	Dates attended	Diploma /Degree received	Year
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Teaching Experience :

School	Location	Dates	Subjects taught
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Teaching Certificates Held (attach copies of all certificates):

State	Certificate #	Dates	Area
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