



A Leadership Community

L'Evate is a community-based organization that provides participants with insight into how our community functions, its cultural and organizational differences, and an opportunity to meet and network with other community leaders. Class days include leadership skills, teamwork, and group development training. Topics that impact the community such as wellness, diversity, criminal justice, business development, government, education, sports, and the arts are the focus of the monthly program days. You will experience opportunities that will enrich your life. Leadership is a vital component in the success and economic future of our communities.

The Class of 2023 will begin in August this year. See schedule on page 2.

Selection Qualification Guidelines:

1. Selection Committee shall only interview for consideration applicants who:
 - A. Demonstrate leadership ability or leadership potential and;
 - B. Live in L'Evate Service area
 - C. Work in L'Evate Service area
 1. Office or place of business in service area or;
 2. Office elsewhere, employee main focus of work in service area with strong community presence
 - D. Final decision on selection of candidates at sole discretion of Selection Committee

L'Evate Service Area is defined by the following: The Eastern boundary is the Wilson County Line from Percy Priest Lake to the Cumberland River. Follow the river around Old Hickory and Pennington Bend toward downtown Nashville. At Fessler's Lane, cut across to I-24 East to Harding Place and go east to Murfreesboro Road. Turn SE on Murfreesboro Road to Old Murfreesboro Road SE to Smith Springs Road East. Follow Smith Springs Road to Percy Priest Lake. Cross the lake to the starting point of the Wilson County Line. The service area map is the last page of this application.

Applications will be pre-screened for qualifications. Interviews will not be scheduled for candidates who do not meet the criteria.

Our goal is to have a diverse class representative of the service area demographics. L'Evate is a nonpartisan educational organization designed to produce well-informed and motivated community leaders who are willing and capable of working together for a better Community.

The following information will guide you through the process of application and interviews. Thank you for your interest in L'Evate. Please do not hesitate to call Deann Bradford, Executive Director, at 615-414-7427 for further information.

Application deadline is Thursday, March 31, 2022.

Please submit completed applications to: L'Evate
Application may be mailed or e-mailed P.O. Box 8387
to: Deann@levate.org Hermitage, TN 37076

The 2023 class schedule is listed below. In order to graduate from the program, participants must commit to attending Orientation and the two-day Opening Retreat which are both mandatory to participate in the 2023 program. In addition, you may miss no more than 10 hours during the 8 program days. Program day times are: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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| August 15, 2022 | Orientation and Alumni Reception (3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.) |
| September 13 & 14, 2022 | Opening Retreat - Tuesday & Wednesday |
| October 11, 2022 | Program Day |
| November 8, 2022 | Program Day |
| December 13, 2022 | Program Day |
| January 10, 2023 | Program Day |
| February 14, 2023 | Program Day |
| March 14, 2023 | Program Day |
| April 11, 2023 | Program Day |
| May 9, 2023 | Program Day |
| May 23, 2023 | Wrap-up (11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) |
| May 25 2023 | Graduation (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) |

In addition to the retreat and program days, participants are expected to complete a team project; participate in volunteering for Field of Honor (November 2nd 8:00 a.m.) and/or the Donelson Christmas Parade (4 or more hours total); participate in additional opportunities for involvement in the community during the class year (a list of examples and suggestions will be provided at Retreat).

The L'Evate Selection Committee will interview candidates and recommend individuals for the class. Candidates selected for interviews will be called to schedule interviews. All candidates will be notified by e-mail of his/her final status by June 10, 2022.

Please do not include your check with the completed application. Upon notification of acceptance, the 2023 class fee of \$1000.00 will be due and payable to L'Evate. Limited partial scholarships will be available for the 2023 class. Scholarship applications are available on our website levate.org. The scholarship application must accompany the Leadership application.

Please retain these first two pages for your records.

**Confidential Application
Class of 2023**

Please complete each section – do not send attachments or resumes

(Please type or print legibly)

Date completed and mailed: _____

Name: _____

Years in Donelson, Hermitage, Old Hickory or Adjacent Area: _____

BUSINESS INFORMATION/EMPLOYMENT

Name of Business: _____

Business Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Business Phone: (____) _____ Cell #: (____) _____

Business E-mail: _____

Current Title/Responsibility: _____

Briefly describe your position with particular attention to leadership, responsibilities, number of people under your supervision, budget under your control, etc.

ABOUT YOU

Home Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Personal Cell Phone: (____) _____ Personal E-Mail: _____

I prefer L'Evate E-mail be sent to: Home ___ Office ___

One fun fact about you: _____

One out of the box thing you have done: _____

How have you grown professionally or personally through the influence of someone who may have served as a mentor to you (either formally or informally)?

What are your chief hobbies and recreational activities? _____

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

| Employer/Company Name | Title/Responsibility | From/To | Reason for Leaving |
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What do you consider your highest responsibility, skill, or career achievement so far?

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Please list community, civic, professional, religious, athletic, social, and other organizations of which you have been a volunteer, member, board member or served in any leadership capacity.

| <u>Organization</u> | <u>Dates of Membership</u> | <u>Official Position Held</u> |
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Please describe your accomplishments and activities in these organizations that you think are important:

Average monthly volunteer hours: _____

GENERAL

How did you hear about L'Evate? Did someone refer you to the program? If so, who?

What do you hope to gain from your L'Evate experience?

Please list two references other than current employer or family members who may be contacted.

Name: _____ Phone: (_ _)

Address: _____

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Tuition: If accepted into L'Evate, you or your company will be invoiced for the tuition fee of \$1000.00. This covers all costs, including meals training and the retreat. DO NOT send payment with the application.

Scholarships are available through the L'Evate website www.levate.org Scholarships are available for not more than 50% of the tuition fee. Are you applying for a Scholarship? YES _ NO ____

Post Graduation Expectations: As an alumnus of L'Evate, you will be expected to have a future ongoing commitment to the growth and continuity of the program and the community. This includes working on a committee as a team member for L'Evate and paying annual dues of \$75.

Commitment: I understand that participation in the L'Evate program requires a substantial time commitment. I have made arrangements to ensure that my participation will not be a conflict with my employment.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please send Application to:
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