



We are seeking motivated, passionate, intelligent, visionary, enthusiastic, committed, driven, energetic, dedicated, ambitious and inspired leaders.

In other words, you.

You are already a leader. With Leadership Ohio, you'll have what it takes to change the future.

A leader with knowledge is a powerful thing. That's why Leadership Ohio was established. Founded in 1992, this organization was designed to educate civic-minded people like yourself with a deeper understanding of Ohio and its current issues— and to help you chart a new path of service.

OUR APPROACH

The Leadership Ohio experience is comprised of eight 1 ½ day immersive leadership inquiries. April through November, we transverse the state—engaging with some of the most influential business, community and elected officials in the state. In 2019, our experiences were held in Athens, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Lima, Marietta, and Marysville. We typically meet on the 3rd Friday (full day) and 3rd Saturday (1/2 day) of each month.

Our regional experiences are in-depth and often unexpected interactions and explorations of critical questions, challenges and opportunities facing Ohio and its people. We uniquely blend experiences and dialogue with influential leaders, dreamers, movers and shakers, often with an eye toward disrupting outdated mindsets and challenging the status quo. Our approach produces a class of leaders with statewide knowledge, perspective and connections, who are inspired to a higher level of service. *Leadership Ohio graduates are a highly select body of leaders with a very unique state-wide grounding.*

In 2019, our members began the year by spending the day behind the walls of a women's prison exploring the issue of restored citizenship with inmates, the Warden, and rehabilitation staff. Weeks later participants grappled with our nation's fractured civic discourse— with the Ohio Secretary of State, Frank LaRose: "How might we regain our ability to engage in respectful and civil conversations as a bedrock of democracy?" By summer's end, participants were immersed in a homeless drop-in center, unpacking issues of affordable housing and humanity alongside city residents who were experiencing homelessness. From artificial intelligence to human trafficking to business innovations in the Appalachian foothills in the fall, the list of touchpoints and experiences is unique and powerful. No other journey would put you at the same table as a U.S. Congressman, Ohio Supreme Court Justices, and a seven-time mission commander-U.S. Air Force Colonel in the same way it brings you face-to-face, for instance, with a citizen convicted of homicide as a juvenile.

"Leadership Ohio realizes that we don't just need our leaders to simply understand something, we need them to feel something."

-Dr. Lisa Duty, Executive Director



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION?

Leadership Ohio provides the knowledge and awareness you need to begin to create positive solutions in Ohio where there is need. You won't find a more rewarding opportunity to explore

your leadership in our fast-changing world—and contribute to a more promising future for Ohio, our democracy, your organization and your community.

- Meet and interact with some of the most influential business, community and elected officials in the state;
- Explore challenges and opportunities facing Ohio and its people;
- Learn about various issues with a recognized group of experts, officials, educators and insiders;
- Meet, network and create with other leaders who are dedicated to public service and are interested in making Ohio the best place to live and work, and,
- Discover new inspiration: begin to shape how you will impact your world in the future.

DO YOU FIT OUR PROFILE?

Leadership Ohio is *not* a traditional leadership program.

Our leaders represent all regions in Ohio. They are a diverse body of top talent that are a part of various professions, backgrounds, experiences, and generations. We're looking for:

- Senior level leaders with significant achievements in career, community or civic spheres, and, high-potential individuals seeking to chart a new civic path;
- Individuals with an authentic concern about the future of Ohio and a personal commitment to help *shape* that future, and,
- Individuals with a willingness to commit the time and energy necessary to complete the program and achieve their own idea of program success.

HOW TO APPLY

To become a member of Leadership Ohio, an individual must first be nominated. Once nominated, an individual may be invited to apply. A limited number of applicants are accepted into each class of Leadership Ohio. Entrants are selected by the Board of Trustees and the Executive Director of Leadership Ohio and based on the merit of their application.

Nominations may be submitted by:

- Leadership Ohio Board of Trustees and Executive Director
- Leadership Ohio alumni
- Leadership Ohio sponsors, partners, and supporters
- Executive Directors of local leadership development programs
- Senior Executives of Ohio Chamber of Commerce member-organizations

If you are not connected to any of the individuals or organizations above, you may seek a nomination directly from the Executive Director of Leadership Ohio by sending a request via email to leadershipoh@gmail.com.

Upon review of your nomination, you may be asked to apply to join Leadership Ohio. Invited nominees will click to access the [2020 Online Application here](#).

Once your application is received, it will be reviewed. All applicants will receive a decision.

2020 SESSION DATES

Sessions for 2020 will take place on Fridays (full day) and Saturdays (1/2 day) with one exception noted below. Final calendar is subject to change.

April 24-25 - Marysville

May 14-15 (Thursday - Friday) - Columbus

June 19-20 - Marietta

July 17-18 - Cincinnati

August 14-15 - Dayton

September 18-19 - Lima

October 16-17 - Athens

November 13-14 - Cleveland/Graduation



Attendance

Full participation in sessions is expected, however, we realize that a previously planned vacation, wedding, staff retreat or similar is unavoidable and thus excusable. If you have any concerns regarding dates or attendance, please reach out to discuss. Our policy is to promote perfect attendance while accommodating personal circumstances to the degree possible.



TUITION/FEES

Application Fee

Please note there is no application fee at this time.

Tuition to Participate in the 2020 Class of Leadership Ohio

EARLY BIRD: APPLICATION SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 15, 2020

Employer with 101+ employees \$3,900

Employer with 11 to 100 employees \$3,650

Employer with 10 or less employees/self-pay \$3,300

STANDARD TUITION: APPLICATION SUBMITTED FEBRUARY 16, 2020 OR LATER

Employer with 101+ employees \$4,300

Employer with 11 to 100 employees \$3,900

Employer with 10 or less employees/self-pay \$3,500

Financial Assistance Scholarships

We do not offer general financial assistance scholarships at this time.

Payment Plan

We offer a payment plan at our discretion.

Ian Schwarber Memorial Scholarship

We will offer one scholarship in 2020: Please see [*Ian Schwarber Memorial Scholarship*](#) for more information. Applications are due on or before February 15, 2020.

DEADLINES

EARLY BIRD: Application submitted on or before February 15, 2020

FINAL DEADLINE: All applications must be submitted by March 9, 2019

QUESTIONS?

Contact Dr. Lisa Duty, Executive Director, at leadershipoh@gmail.com to request additional information or schedule a call to learn more about our program.



TESTIMONIALS

Hope Taft, First Lady of Ohio, 1999-2007

"I was a member of an early Leadership Ohio class and then served on the board for a few years. I found it a rewarding experience because not only did I meet people from all over the state, I learned about statewide issues and how to look at them in broader terms than from a local perspective. I had taken Leadership courses in Cincinnati and Columbus before Leadership Ohio was organized and it was a great way to tie all those experiences together, but it was not necessary to have the local background in the topics the courses covered to gain new insights from the Leadership Ohio course.

Anyone interested in understanding ramifications of legislative action should be encouraged to become a member of a Leadership Ohio class. Anyone interested in a legislative career should take this class. Anyone interested in being a leader in their field or community should become a Leadership Ohio alum."

Kamal Atwat, Director of IT Technical and Biomedical Engineering Services, Memorial Health System

"The Leadership Ohio program has been a unique leadership experience that went above and beyond a classroom, an organization or a limited geography. We discovered and examined in the field and in action the State of Ohio: Cities, leaders, organizations, economies and all the differentiated aspects that make Ohio a great state to live in, lead and serve... I recommend it to every leader who likes to build a diverse leadership network, share knowledge and make a difference."

Randy Cole, EVP and Chief Solutions Officer, Ownum

"As a graduate of Leadership Akron and Leadership Ohio, I can share that both programs gave me great insight into industries and institutions and provided fantastic networking opportunities. However, the Leadership Ohio experience was an immersion into the culture and history of regions and communities across Ohio alongside the examination of critical statewide issues. I don't know any other way to pick up that much perspective and knowledge over the course of a year. What a great year it was!"

Sharetta T. Smith, JD, MBA, Chief of Staff, City of Lima

"Being a member of the 2019 Cohort of Leadership Ohio was one of the best experiences of my professional career. The exposure to how communities across Ohio are leveraging the magnitude of opportunities in our state to solve problems and better Ohio for present and future generations challenged me to become a better leader and further fueled a deep sense of optimism about our state."

Gretchen Klingler, Veteran and Community Outreach Coordinator, The National Veterans Memorial and Museum

"My Leadership Ohio experience has made me a more well-informed citizen of our state. Each month, I was introduced to new concepts or challenges that encouraged personal and professional growth. I would recommend Leadership Ohio to any individual who desires to create positive impact in their communities and across our state."

Dr. Derrick Shelton, Principal, Reynoldsburg City Schools

"LO was a phenomenal experience. It far exceeded my expectations. LO provided me an opportunity to connect with some astonishing forward-thinking leaders and organizations, who are impacting Ohio in ways that are innovative and cutting edge. LO Ohio not only provided a platform for me to learn more about initiatives impacting Ohio, but it also challenged me to stretch and grow as a leader. LO provides a forum for leaders to address some of the tough, real world issues, that impact our communities. LO offers tangible connections, and promotes discussion, collaboration, and a call to action. I recommend LO to anyone who has a desire to connect, learn and grow. It is truly and experience like no other."

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