



2020 APPLICATION

Mail application and supporting documents to:

AACI
Attn: Andrea Hyde
2400 Moorpark Avenue, Ste. 300
San Jose, CA 95128

For questions, student applicants should contact LEAD staff directly:

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(408) 975-2730 ext. 425
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LEADERS FOR EDUCATION, ADVOCACY, AND DEMOCRACY

For over 20 years, the LEAD Program has trained students to be conscientious and responsible leaders in advocacy, policy, and service. LEAD places high school students in local, state, and federal governmental and community offices in the Bay Area, and empowers them to be leaders in their community and voices for their generation.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

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

Application Deadline **Friday, February 21, 2020**

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Professional development and leadership trainings in civic engagement, office etiquette, public speaking, time management, and more;
- Real life, on-the-job professional experience;
- Community organizing, project planning, and volunteer management experience;
- Networking with local professionals, including community leaders, elected officials, and government staff;
- Guidance, mentorship, and support;
- Preparation for a rigorous academic environment;
- Resume development for college applications and employment opportunities in social work, advocacy, law, government, etc.

SCHOLARSHIPS

LEAD provides full enrollment fee scholarships to ensure 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 operational costs and staff support required to run the program far exceed the enrollment fee collected per participant. We ask for the fee to serve as a contribution to our organization so that we may continue to offer this prestigious program to the community. **While AACI is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the program fee is collected as payment for a professional service and is therefore not tax deductible.**

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.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

1. LEAD Program Interviews

On **March 7**, student applicants will be interviewed. 15-20 students will be accepted into the 2020 LEAD cohort.

2. Leadership Development Trainings

Youth leaders will participate in 9 full days of professional trainings in the Spring and Summer of 2020. Training days are scheduled for: **March 21, April 4, April 25, May 16, June 13, June 27, July 18, and August 1**. Please note the program dates above may be subject to change.

3. Internship Placement

Students are matched with an internship office and must fulfill a minimum of 100 internship hours over the course of 10 weeks during the summer.

4. Community Impact Project

Students work with their peers to organize a service project that engages and provides resources to a specific local community. Project groups meet during the scheduled LEAD trainings and present their community impact project at LEAD Graduation.

5. Voter Registration

Students are required to attend voter education events and register a minimum of 25 new voters.

6. Field Trips

Students will attend field trips to the Sacramento State Capitol, Santa Clara Family Justice Center Courthouse, and other opportunities to be scheduled. These field trips are required. Students will receive advance notice of additional field trips and events

7. Graduation

Students are required to attend LEAD Graduation on **August 8**. Students must complete all training, internship, and voter registration requirements to graduate from the program.

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*All fields are mandatory unless noted otherwise. Please print clearly.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL

GENDER DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) PLACE OF BIRTH

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).

**BACKGROUND
AND EDUCATION**

BACKGROUND

Is English your native language? Yes No

Language(s) spoken at home: _____

Do you speak any other languages? _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American or Aleutian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African-American | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino | <input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latin@/Chican@ | <input type="checkbox"/> Biracial/Multicultural, specify below:
_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify below:
_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korean | |

Household gross annual income: \$ _____

How did you find out about LEAD?

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Community organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer | <input type="checkbox"/> I know a former or current LEAD student, name
_____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, explain
_____ |

Name of School	City, State	Current GPA
Current Grade / Class of	Major/Interested Major	

**ACADEMIC &
ACTIVITIES**

Please include the following supporting documents in your application packet:

- **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 – sports, band, science, scouts, etc.
 - Work, school, internships or other summer programs, etc.
 - 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. **Submissions of Letters of Recommendation are not required, but highly recommended. Letters can be mailed directly to AACI (Attn: Andrea Hyde) or emailed to andrea.hyde@aaci.org.**

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 gain from your experience and what can you uniquely contribute to this program?*

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
- List of Summer Commitments
- 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:

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Please make check out to:

Asian Americans for Community Involvement

Applications must be postmarked before or by **February 21, 2020** to be considered. Late or incomplete applications will **not** be considered.

2018 Health and Human Services Low-Income Guidelines

2018 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	\$12,140	\$36,420
2	\$16,460	\$49,380
3	\$20,780	\$62,340
4	\$25,100	\$75,300
5	\$28,420	\$88,260
6	\$33,740	101,220
7	\$38,060	\$114,180
8	\$42,380	\$127,140

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

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

***If you are applying for a scholarship, do not include a \$250 check with this application. 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.**