



2021 APPLICATION

Mail application and supporting documents to:

AACI
Attn: Andrea Hyde
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For questions, student applicants should contact LEAD staff directly:

Andrea.Hyde@aac.org
(408) 975-2730
<http://aac.org/lead/>

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 public service. LEAD connects students with mentors and peers for an enriching experience that empowers them to be leaders in their community and voices for their generation.

Application Deadline Monday, March 1, 2021

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

VIRTUAL LEARNING DURING COVID-19

The health and safety of program participants and staff remain AACI's priority. At this time, the upcoming program will be held virtually with no in-person activities.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Training in professional development, leadership, advocacy, civic engagement, and more;
- Community organizing, project management, and research experience;
- Networking opportunities with mentors and professionals, including community leaders, elected officials, and government staff;
- Guidance, mentorship, and support;
- Preparation for a rigorous academic environment; and
- Resume development for college applications and employment opportunities in government, law, advocacy, social work, etc.

SCHOLARSHIPS

LEAD offers scholarship opportunities to help fund the program cost. Students who wish to be considered for a financial scholarship can indicate interest on page 5 of the application.

PROGRAM COST

\$500 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 offer the program exceed the enrollment fee collected per participant. This fee serves as a contribution to our organization that allows us to continue offering this 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 requested with the 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 \$500 program fee and the remainder \$250 of the program fee is due the first day of the program. Students applying for a scholarship are not asked to submit a check deposit.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

1. LEAD Program Interviews

Student interviews will be held the week of **March 15** via Zoom.

2. Leadership Development Trainings

Students will participate in series of workshops, currently scheduled for the following Saturdays: **April 10, April 24, May 15, June 5, June 19, July 10, July 24, and August 7**. Please note the program dates above may be subject to change.

3. Mentorship

Students will connect one-on-one with program staff and other public service professionals who will provide mentorship and guidance in developing students' civic engagement goals throughout LEAD.

4. Voter Education

Students will participate in non-partisan voter education and registration efforts to promote civic engagement in the community.

5. Community Impact Project

Students will work collaboratively to design and execute a service project that addresses an issue impacting the local community. Project groups meet throughout the program and present their community impact project at LEAD Graduation.

6. Graduation

Students are required to attend LEAD Graduation on **August 7**. Successful completion of all trainings and program components are required for a graduation certificate.

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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) COUNTRY OF BIRTH

I have access to internet/Wi-Fi at home Yes No

I have access to a computer or other device with webcam capability Yes No

I have a valid US driver's license Yes No

I have access to a car or reliable transportation Yes No

I have applied to LEAD before Yes (Year: _____) No

CONTACT INFORMATION

CURRENT ADDRESS

ADDRESS LINE 1

ADDRESS LINE 2

CITY STATE ZIP COUNTRY

TELEPHONE CELL PHONE

EMAIL

PERMANENT ADDRESS (Leave blank if same as above)

ADDRESS LINE 1

ADDRESS LINE 2

CITY STATE ZIP COUNTRY

EMERGENCY CONTACT

LAST NAME FIRST NAME RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS LINE 1

CITY STATE ZIP COUNTRY

TELEPHONE CELL PHONE

EMAIL

BACKGROUND AND EDUCATION

This information is used solely for statistical purposes.

Is English your native language? Yes No

Language(s) spoken at home: _____

Do you speak any other languages? _____

Ethnicity

- Hispanic or Latino
- Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (select all that apply)

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

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"/> I know a former or current LEAD student, name: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, explain below: _____ |

NAME OF SCHOOL	CITY, COUNTY	CURRENT GPA
GRADE LEVEL (AS OF JANUARY 2021)	MAJOR/INTERESTED AREA OF STUDY	

ACADEMIC & ACTIVITIES

Please include the following supporting documents in your application packet:

- **RESUME** - List volunteer, 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 (it is suggested you request this from your academic counselor in advance).
- **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 or camps
 - Work, school, internships or other summer programs, etc.
 - Seminars, contests, debates, retreats, conventions, etc.

REFERENCES

Please list two (2) references we may consult about your activities, education, or employment. References may include teachers, current or former supervisors, coworkers, or community leaders. Do not include relatives or friends. Submissions of Letters of Recommendation are not required, but recommended. **Letters can be emailed directly from references to Andrea Hyde at andrea.hyde@aaci.org.**

NAME	PHONE	RELATIONSHIP
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PERSONAL STATEMENT

In essay format, please submit a response to the following prompts 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?

SCHOLARSHIP CONSIDERATION

LEAD offers scholarship opportunities that provide full and partial financial assistance. Students who demonstrate financial need are encouraged to apply.

Household gross annual income: \$ _____

- I wish to be considered for a scholarship*
- I do not wish to be considered for a scholarship

*To be considered for a LEAD scholarship, please submit a short response to the following prompt in 250 words or less.

How would a LEAD scholarship benefit you and help you achieve your 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.

STUDENT SIGNATURE DATE

PARENT SIGNATURE DATE

If under 18, parent/guardian signature required

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Application Form
- Resume
- School Transcripts
- List of Summer Commitments
- Letter(s) of Recommendation (optional)
- Personal Statement
- Scholarship Essay, if applicable
- Check Deposit of \$250, if applicable
- Make copies for your own records

Mail completed application to:

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Please make check out to:

Asian Americans for Community Involvement

IMPORTANT

Applications must be postmarked before or by **March 1, 2021** to be considered. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

For questions about the application process, scholarship opportunity, or program, students should contact LEAD staff at andrea.hyde@aaci.org. Office hours with LEAD staff are also available for application guidance.