



**Leading from the Middle
2007 Program Application
Deadline: February 16, 2007**

Questions? Contact
TLI Director Leonardo Vazquez, AICP/PP at
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Candidates will be selected for the program within two weeks of receipt of their application.

Dear applicant: Please download and fill out the application. Handwritten applications are acceptable if they are neatly written. However, because only 30 seats are available, the earlier you send your application, the greater the likelihood of your being accepted into the program.

Please send a \$25 deposit fee payable to **Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey**, with your application. Full payment, or the remaining tuition, is due upon notice of selection.

I am applying for: New York class ____ New Jersey class ____ Either ____

1. Contact information		
Name: _____		
Address: _____		
City: _____	State: ____	Zip: _____
Telephone: _____	Email: _____	
Fax: _____	Other contact phone or email: _____	
Which class would you like to join? New Brunswick, NJ ____ New York, NY _____		

2. Experience (note: all of the following information will be considered if you apply for a scholarship)
Where do you work, or where did you work most recently?
Your title:
Years with organization:



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Organization size: (We reserve the right to ask for proof of organization budget or size)				
Budget is less than \$500,000 _____	Budget is less than \$1.5 million _____	Budget is between \$1.5 and less than \$5 million _____	Budget is between \$5 and less than \$10 million _____	Budget is at least \$10 million _____
Type of organization: Government _____ Quasi-Government _____ Nonprofit _____ Business _____				
If you are with your organization for less than a year, please list the last organization where you worked, your title there, and the number of years worked there: Organization: _____ Title: _____ Number of years worked there: _____				
If you volunteer with or on the board of other organizations, please list them below:				
Organization: _____ ----- Volunteer activities:				
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Organization

Volunteer activities:

The Leading Institute works to improve community development and planning practice by building the capacity of its members. To this end, we are looking for candidates who have shown commitment to revitalizing communities, are in positions to influence others in their communities; and add to the ethnic, cultural, professional and other diversity of the class. Your answers to the following questions will help us choose the final candidates for the class. Commitment to communities. Candidates must have at least five years of experience working to revitalize, preserve or enhance communities. This experience can include volunteer work and projects performed in college or graduate school.

Please feel free to answer the questions on separate sheets of paper with your name at the top of each page. You are welcome to write up to three pages per question, but please try to limit your answers to one page per question.

- A. Please describe your experience in revitalizing, protecting or enhancing communities.
- B. What were you able to accomplish through your experience?
- C. Please describe how your position in your organization gives you the opportunity to influence others throughout your organization. In addition, (or instead if you are not currently working in an organization), please describe your connections to organizations that work to help communities. (For example, being a chairperson of a committee, or member of an advisory board.)



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3. Diversity	
The Leading Institute values all kinds of diversity—age, ethnic, income, cultural and professional. You <u>do not</u> have to fill out the following information, but it will help reviewers to select a balanced class that reflects the diversity of the area.	
Age: _____ Gender: _____	
Ethnicity (please check all that apply): Hispanic _____ Other (please identify) _____	Race (please check all that apply): Asian _____ Black _____ White _____ Native American _____ Pacific Islander _____
Nationality (if you were born outside the United States): _____	
In what other ways can you add to the diversity of the class? (For example, do you have a skill or set of experiences that you would expect most other members of the class wouldn't have?)	



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4. Scholarship Request Information

The Leading Institute will provide a limited number and amount of scholarships. Scholarships will be based on a variety of factors. You are more likely to get a scholarship if you can demonstrate:

- That your organization endorses your participation in the program (we will need a letter from your supervisor or board on organization letterhead), and
- The organization is unable to pay for your participation, or
- There is a special financial circumstance that the review committee should consider.

Please feel free to use the space below or use a separate sheet.



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Are you a member of the American Planning Association?: If yes, Please provide ID# _____

Partner program: If you are a member of, or are affiliated with, any of these organizations, you will be considered for additional scholarships or discounts. Please check all of the organizations of which you are a member or have an affiliation.

American Planning Association New York Metro or New Jersey Chapter _____

Bloustein Online Continuing Education Program Network _____

Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy (staff, faculty, or alum) _____

Fund for an Open Society _____

Latinos and Planning _____

Rutgers University _____

Please send completed application, along with a \$25 check **payable to Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey** to:

Leonardo Vazquez
The Leading Institute
Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy
33 Livingston Avenue, Room 245
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
732-932-1107 (fax)

Questions? Contact Leo at:
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You will be notified of your status within two weeks of our receipt of the application. It will take longer to respond to requests for scholarships, because scholarship applications are reviewed by a committee. If you are not accepted into the 2007 *Leading from the Middle* program, we will return your check un-cashed.