

Public Leaders Fellowship

A Program of Puentes New Orleans

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Public Leaders Fellowship is a 7-month leadership training program that brings diverse community members from throughout Metro New Orleans together and prepares them for public leadership. Fellows will meet monthly for day-long sessions in which a variety of leadership topics and skills will be discussed. Examples of topics include engaging with city government, coalition building, New Orleans history and demographics, and more. The goal of the program is to generate a new group of public leaders who can build trust within their communities, work in multiple coalitions for the improvement of all, and engage with the public sector.

WHAT IS A PUBLIC LEADER?

A public leader is any community leader, regardless what demographic he or she is from, who is capable of engaging in a public, meaningful, and strategic manner for the overall improvement of the community. Public leaders understand the need to be fully inclusive of every community member, adhere to strict principles of engagement when pursuing public action, understand strategic action planning, and support the development of new public leaders.

HOW TO BECOME A PUBLIC LEADERS FELLOW

You may request application materials from Puentes New Orleans at the information below. Make sure to fill out the entire application, attach your current resume and sign your letter of commitment. If you are accepted into the fellowship program, you will be notified no later than October 21st. Once you have been accepted and have committed to the program, you will follow a structured set of trainings that begin with the opening dinner on November 8th and continue with the first session on November 9th. You will participate in six additional one-day sessions held on the second Saturday of each month from December to May, with the closing ceremony taking place on May 10th, 2014.

EXPECTATIONS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

All fellows accepted into the program are expected to attend **all seven** scheduled training sessions. In the event of an emergency, or other reasonable issue that prohibits a fellow from fully committing to every session, we will discuss with the fellow on a case-by-case basis. Fellows who complete the program successfully will also become part of a community leaders' working group that will work with a variety of agencies on key issues that require solutions from the community. Also, interested graduates of the fellowship will be invited to participate in subsequent fellowships as trainers and guest speakers, and as such will fulfill an expectation to remain involved with the fellowship long after graduation.

COST

The fellowship program will be absolutely free to admitted fellows. The Public Leaders Fellowship does not offer stipends, and will not be able to assist fellows with any expenses (such as mileage or child care) incurred during the course of the fellowship training. The cost of providing the seven-month training will be supported by foundations and partners who understand the value of creating the opportunities to help develop new public leaders, however meals during the sessions will be provided.



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LETTER OF COMMITMENT

Please read, consider, and, if you agree with the conditions and terms, sign and date the following statement:

I attest to the accuracy of all the information I have provided in this application. Further, I understand that I may not be selected as a Fellow and agree not to hold Puentes New Orleans liable in that case.

I also agree, if selected, to participate fully and to the best of my abilities in all aspects of the Fellowship program by:

- 1. Attending all seven sessions;
- 2. Accepting rules of engagement;
- 3. Participating in post graduation activities; and
- 4. Remaining involved with the fellowship.

As a Fellow I agree to be professional, respectful, and open.

_____ Applicant's Signature

_____ Date

APPLICANT'S CHECKLIST FOR COMPLETED SUBMISSION

- The Application Form is fully completed
- Applicant's resume is enclosed
- I have signed, dated and submitted my application by the deadline, October 21, 2013.



APPLICANTS SHOULD SEND APPLICATION MATERIALS AND QUESTIONS TO:

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**Please ensure that all materials are received by Puentes
no later than end of business October 21, 2013**

