Leadership Fellows Application for Admission

Application Check-List:

☐ LFP Application
☐ Short Essays (four)
☐ References (two)

Admission Decisions:

Once all LFP application documents are received, LFP admission decisions are processed on a rolling basis and communicated beginning Dec. 1.
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Mission
The Leadership Fellows program is designed to advance and support students’ understanding and demonstration of servant leadership within the Eastern community and the global community at large. The program aims to prepare students for purposeful cultural integration as productive innovators and leaders; to commit and engage in addressing current societal problems and to influence the world through a thoughtful commitment to Christian character and behavioral integrity.

Fellowship Objectives
Through dedicated classroom learning, practical hands-on leadership experience, and intentional mentoring, students learn how to:

- Inspire others in their pursuit of the common good as living models of Christ-centered leadership
- Understand and discern effective uses of strategic leadership methods from a biblical perspective
- Run and organize groups and meetings efficiently
- Identify their leadership styles
- Strengthen their own effectiveness as leaders
- Lead with behavioral integrity

Core Commitments
- Leadership Development
- Faith Formation
- Philanthropic Creativity

Admissions Criteria
Leadership awards are available for up to 40 entering students per year. Applicants will be considered based on leadership experience, Christian commitment, and academic achievement. An interview may be requested.

All areas of leadership experience are welcome, including student government, athletics, clubs, service organizations, arts, media, and church groups. Minimum GPA is 3.3 for admission although the average GPA for a cohort is usually above 3.7. Although SAT or ACT scores must be reported and may be considered in the admissions process, there is no specific minimum required score.

Program Requirements
First Year:
Attend LFP Orientation (FA – before start of school)
Attend Required Small Group (FA)
Attend Leadership Forums or Conferences (TBA)
Take INST 100 Introduction to Leadership (SP)
Maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA
Maintain community standards of behavior

Subsequent Years:
Attend LFP Orientation (select group)
Serve in a leadership capacity either 2nd or 3rd year*
Attend Leadership Forums or Conferences (TBA)
Attend LFP Events & Retreats (as required)
Serve as a program mentor (as requested)
Maintain a cumulative GPA of:
3.1 (2nd yr.), 3.175 (3rd yr.), 3.25 (4th yr.)
Maintain community standards of behavior

Financial Award
$14,000* per year for a maximum of four years.
Students receiving the Leadership Fellows scholarship will receive it in place of additional Eastern academic scholarships.

* Students receiving academic scholarships in excess of $15,000 are still welcomed to apply for the LFP, but will not receive the LFP scholarship in place of their academic scholarship.
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How to Apply
Please provide the information requested below thoroughly and completely. Your application to the Leadership Fellows Program means that if accepted, you agree that your academic and disciplinary records are available to the program director. When you are finished, submit your application to the address listed at the bottom of this page.

1. Your Information

Full Name __________________________________________________________

Home Address ______________________________________________________

City __________________________________ State ______ Zip Code ________

Home phone ______________________ Cell phone ______________________

E-mail _____________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________

High School ____________________________

Year of Graduation ______________________ GPA ______________

SAT Score Total __________ Verbal __________ Math __________ Writing __________

ACT Score Composite __________ English __________ Math __________ Reading __________ Science __________

Signature __________________________ Date ______________

2. Activity Involvement

Describe any co-curricular (school-related) and/or extra-curricular (church, community, etc.) activities in which you were involved during high school, making sure to include any leadership roles assumed. Please indicate:

a) the activity and any leadership/titled position held

b) the number of years involved and number of years in titled positions

A) B)

1. __________________________________________________________

2. __________________________________________________________

3. __________________________________________________________

4. __________________________________________________________

5. __________________________________________________________
3. **Short Essays (four)**

Please type all answers Times New Roman, 12 font, double space. Word count should be between 250-500 words per each short essay. Make sure that your name appears at the top right hand corner of each page you submit.

1) **a)** What role does Jesus Christ play in your life? 1 John 2:6 says “Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did” (NIV). **b)** In what ways are you striving to walk as Jesus did?

2) **a)** What sort of leader have you been? (give examples based on current and previous leadership positions) **b)** What sort of leader will you be? (please articulate your expectations for how you will use your leadership abilities while studying at Eastern and in your future career aspirations)

3) *Describe a significant hardship, risk you have taken or ethical dilemma you have faced and how you grew as a result of that experience.*

4) *Describe an invention or idea you would create to solve an everyday problem you encounter. What is the problem, and how does your invention provide a solution?*

4. **References (two)**

Please provide reference letters from two adults (pastor, youth leader, supervisor, mentor, coach, or administrator) who can discuss your leadership abilities and character. These letters should include information about your past leadership activities and your potential for future leadership: *Please use Reference Form Provided.* References should be sent to the address below.

You can expect reference letters from:

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**How did you FIRST hear about LFP?**

- Eastern Admissions Counselor/Campus Visit
- College Fair
- University Website
- Current/Past LFP Student
- Program Director / Invitation
- Family/Friend
- Other:

**Note from the Director:**

Thank you so much for considering the Leadership Fellows Program. If you have any questions about the program or application please do not hesitate to contact your admissions counselor or contact me at LFP@eastern.edu

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Nathaniel J. Stutzman