



Latina Leadership Institute (LLI) **2017 Program Description**

The Latina Leadership Institute (LLI) is the first leadership program specifically designed for Latinas in Kern County. The goal of the Institute is to train Latinas in essential leadership and advocacy skills, empowering them to create fundamental change within their local neighborhoods throughout Kern County.

Our first LLI has been scheduled to begin in May 2017 through July 2017; the program includes four sessions of 1 day training, participation/attendance to the Latina Leaders Awards Dinner, plus graduation. Training sessions are intensive full-days, which offer a combination of lectures, personal assessments, group work, field trips, lobbying & advocacy and networking opportunities. Participants will also be assigned projects in between each session.

The LLI offers participants an opportunity to learn from key community leaders and experts in key aspects relating to our community, including government, education, economic empowerment and politics & civic engagement.

LLI vision is to create a network of Latinas trained in community empowerment and committed to improving political and economic parity for all communities. LLI goal is that institute participants represent all major regions of Kern County across a diversity of professions.

Qualifications:

Eligible applicants must:

- Be a member of Latina Leaders (paid member)
- Reside in Kern County
- Aspire to be a recognized community leader or committed to developing your leadership potential
- Commit to 100% participation
- Submit application before application deadline (May 10, 2017)

Latina Leaders selects participants through a competitive application process and selects a final class of approximately twenty participants.

Participation Commitment: Participants must attend all 3 sessions. Participants are responsible for all travel to and from each session.

Program Costs: There is a \$100 program fee for participation in LLI, this includes your ticket to the Latina Leaders Awards Dinner. Applicants may submit a request for waiver of program fee and they will be evaluated on a case by case basis.



The Latina Leadership Institute 2017 Calendar

<i>Date</i>	<i>Session & Location</i>
May 10, 2017	Application Deadline
May 12, 2017	LLI Class of 2017 Selection and Announcement
May 20, 2017	Session I
June 17, 2017	Session II
July 14, 2017	Session III
July 15, 2017	Latinas Leading the Way Dinner
July 29, 2017	Wrap Up
August 9, 2017	Graduation



Latina Leadership Institute (LLI) Training Sessions

Session 1: Saturday, May 20, 2017

First, we will explore the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE and WHY of Latina Leadership Institute (LLI). WHY do we need the Latina Leaders Institute? We will distinguish WHAT makes it different from other leadership programs and focus on WHY we are here. We will focus on the "Ladder of Leadership" that has been critical to our success and will be the key factor in our continued success.

Secondly, before we can set out to impact our community, we need to start by learning more about it. This session will begin with the nuts and bolts of Kern County and the "state of Latinas". WHO are we? How are we faring economically, politically, and educationally?

Finally, we will measure our political knowledge of our community. We will begin with a historical look at Latinas(os) in Kern County politics. Have we been able to translate our numbers into political power? And we will discuss ways to access that power both in terms of politics and the community.

Session 2: Saturday, June 17, 2017

This session is Latina Leadership 101 – The History of Latinas. In this session, we will explore language Issues, Inter-generational issues of assimilation & acculturation, what we give up/lose when we become successful or strive for more, Where do we find support, and Ethnic divisions & Dual ethnicity. We examine the Ladder of Leadership and the meaning of "Just because you've made it, doesn't mean we've made it."

We will discuss some of the challenges associated with Latinas in leadership. We will look at the challenges we face including personal and professional demands. We will also explore some solutions and begin to strategize about ways to create balance, while at the same time maximizing our influence.

Session 3: Friday & Saturday, July 14, 15, 2017

These interactive sessions provides an understanding of the power of Kern County.

Friday, July 14, 2017

In this session, we will get personal! This session will focus on developing your personal legacy. What drives you? What motivates you? Are you living your passion? Participants explore the concept of community legacy through ethical leadership and the notion that you LIVE your legacy everyday.

Saturday, July 15, 2017

The Leadership Institute will participate in the Latinas Leading the Way Awards and Recognition Dinner (ticket price for the event is included in application fee price).

Wrap Up

Saturday, July 29, 2017

This session will also explore ways to get involved in the Kern County community. We will take a look at the different needs in our community and the impact that involvement makes in the overall health of our community. We will explore our social, economic, and political impact in the community and the ways that personal involvement can make a difference.



Program Application – Class of 2017
Submit by May 10, 2017

Mail application to:
P.O. Box 2843
Bakersfield, CA 93302-2843 or
email to
latinaleadersofkerncounty@gmail

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____ E-mail: _____

PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS: Business Home

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Business Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THE LATINA LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE?

Latina Leaders Board Member (Include name of individual) _____

Latina Leaders Member

Latina Leaders social, dinner, or meeting (Please describe) _____

Latina Leaders Website, e-Newsletter or other _____

PLEASE INDICATE THE SECTOR IN WHICH YOU ARE EMPLOYED:

Government Nonprofit Education Corporate/Business

Entrepreneur Other: _____

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA:

Bakersfield Delano Arvin Lamont Mettler

Shafter Wasco McFarland Taft Other: _____

OPTIONAL:

Please check the box that applies to you.

Mexican-American Puerto Rican Cuban Chicana South-American

Central American Other: _____

Please complete the following questions on separate sheets of paper and do not exceed more than 3 pages for all 6 questions. Please limit your replies to information about yourself that you believe is relevant to this application.

1. Describe your most important volunteer, civic and community activities during the past 5 years. Include specific examples of your leadership experience, if any.
2. What do you think are the most important issues facing Latinas? How might your participation in the LLI enable you to address these issues?
3. Have you done any policy and/or issue analysis or direct advocacy with lawmakers? If so, please describe.
4. What are your future career goals?
5. Define how LLI will help advance either your career or civic leadership goal?
6. List all volunteer activities or organizations you are currently affiliated with.
7. List two references with affiliation and contact information.

*Please submit a short bio in addition to your answers to the above questions. You may also submit a copy of your resume.

Signature: _____ Date: _____