

## 2026 Application Preview

Thank you for your interest in Leadership Buffalo!

To help you prepare for the online application process, we've created this preview of the questions included in the application. This document is designed to give you the opportunity to thoughtfully reflect on your responses before completing the official form.

### How to Use This Document:

- Review each question carefully.
  - Take time to reflect and draft your responses.
  - When ready, complete your online application [here](#).
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### Application Overview

The online application consists of six sections:

#### Step 1 of 6: Applicant Information

- You'll be asked to provide your basic contact information.

#### Step 2 of 6: Employment Information

- Include details about your current employer, title, and responsibilities.

#### Step 3 of 6: Demographic Information

- This section helps us understand the diverse backgrounds of our applicants. Your responses are confidential.

#### Step 4 of 6: Application Questions

- **Current Job Duties**
  - Please briefly describe your job position and title.
- **Leadership & Community Involvement**
  - List your core values and how they align with Leadership Buffalo's values.
  - Describe your current and past leadership roles (professional, civic, or volunteer).
  - List any organizations, boards, or committees you are currently involved with.
  - What community issues are you passionate about

- **Professional Development**

- Please list what, if any, formal leadership training you have had.
- Share a professional goal you have yet to accomplish.
- Describe a situation in which you led others by building team consensus on an important issue. What skills did you use and how did you accomplish this outcome?
- How do you manage situations in which you are asked to step outside of your comfort zone?
- How do you handle feedback or constructive criticism?

- **Program Interest**

- Why do you want to be a part of the Leadership Buffalo cohort?
- What skills or perspectives do you hope to gain from this experience?
- How do you plan to use this experience to contribute to Buffalo's community?

### **Step 5 of 6: Commitment & Expectations**

- You will be asked to review and agree to the program's attendance policy, time commitment, and expectations for participation.

### **Step 6 of 6: Financial Assistance (Optional)**

- If you are requesting financial aid, please be prepared to answer the following:
  - Are you receiving financial assistance from your employer for Leadership Buffalo tuition?
    - If yes, what percentage or amount? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What amount of financial aid are you requesting?
  - What was your company/organization's total annual net revenue for the most recent fiscal year?
  - What is your projected gross family income for 2025?
  - How many people does your family income support?
  - Do you have any other sources of funding or sponsorship opportunities?
  - Is there any additional information you would like to provide regarding your financial situation?

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If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at 716.849.2626 or [LB@leadershipbuffalo.org](mailto:LB@leadershipbuffalo.org)

We look forward to learning more about you—thank you for your commitment to making Buffalo a stronger, more connected community.