



LeaderState Application

This is a nine-week, non-credit leadership forum that will meet every Tuesday afternoon (3:30-5pm) from January 31st till March 28th; there will be no meeting the week of Spring Break. Applications are to be returned to the Office of Student Life by **Friday, January 27th at 5pm**. Please complete this application, **front and back**.

Personal Information	
Name	
Local Address	
City, ST ZIP Code	
Phone Number	
E-Mail Address	
Year in School	
Academic College/Major	
Date of Graduation	

Interests

Tell us which three **(3)** areas you are interested in learning more about in LeaderState. A brief description of each is on the back of this application.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Active Listening / Effective Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> Resume and Interview Skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conflict Resolution | <input type="checkbox"/> Team Building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dealing with Change | <input type="checkbox"/> Time Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goal Setting | <input type="checkbox"/> Values and Ethics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Styles | <input type="checkbox"/> Valuing Diversity |

Activities and Honors

Summarize your campus and community activities and honors that you have been involved with since you have been an MSU student including volunteer work, student organizations and honor societies.

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Briefly Answer this Question

How do you think LeaderState will help you develop as a leader?

Description of Class Topics

- **Active Listening / Effective Communication** – Being a good communicator does not only mean that a person speaks well. Active listening intentionally focuses on who you are listening to, whether in a group or one-on-one, in order to understand what he or she is saying.
- **Conflict Resolution** – The process of resolving a dispute or a conflict, by providing each side's needs, and adequately addressing their interests so that they are satisfied with the outcome. Conflict resolution aims to end conflicts before they start or lead to physical fighting.
- **Dealing with Change** – Many people have a difficult time dealing with a major change in their life, they think that it isn't fair, and get confused and/or angry. This class session will help you learn to deal with change in your life, but only if you yourself are willing to change.
- **Goal Setting** – Learn how to set goals in your life and in the organizations and involvements where you participate. By setting goals on a routine basis you decide what you want to achieve, and then move step-by-step towards the achievement of these goals.
- **Leadership Styles** – What is your preferred leadership style? How much direction do you like to give? How supportive are you in a leadership role? This session will look at the different ways a leader can be effective as well as help you better understand your leadership style.
- **Resume and Interview Skills** – If you are looking at a future internship, graduate school or a job in the "real world," learn how to sell yourself in interviews and on your resume. Student leadership positions are just as important for the next step in your life; learn what interviewers are looking for.
- **Team Building** – How are you going to turn a group of people into a team? Learn how to break the ice and understand how to utilize the different skills and talents of those around you.
- **Time Management** – These are some of the most important skills that you can learn. Learn how to prioritize everything that you have going on in your busy lives and still have time to have fun.
- **Values and Ethics** – What do you stand for as a leader? What factors will you need to consider in making difficult decisions that not only affect you as a leader, but the people that you are leading.
- **Valuing Diversity** – Working with a diverse group can include people who think differently than you, act differently than you, and come from different cultural backgrounds than you. Multiculturalism is based on the idea that cultural identities should not be discarded or ignored, but instead, should be maintained and valued.

Questions?

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