Application
Emerging Leaders in Public Service
May 24-26, 2016

*Emerging Leaders in Public Service* is a professional development program offered by the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University and designed to cultivate rising leaders in public service careers.

**Who Should Apply**
- Emerging leaders from the nonprofit sector, education, or state and local government who want to improve their leadership skills
- Graduate students who are planning a career in the nonprofit or public sector
- Individuals transitioning into the field of nonprofit or public sector management who want to develop an individualized leadership development plan

**Application Materials**
- Contact information and response to essay questions (see page 2)
- Letter of nomination from your supervisor or professional mentor (see page 3)
- Resume of work experience

**Program Details**
- Date: Tuesday, May 24 – Thursday, May 26, 2016
- Location: College Station, Texas
- Cost $595, includes most meals and all supplies
- Lodging and transportation are not included in fee

**Application Deadline**
- **Priority Deadline**: All materials must be received by Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 5:00 p.m. CST.
- **Notification**: Candidates will be notified by April 29, 2016.

**Send materials electronically to**: bushschoolnonprofit@tamu.edu

You can also fax or mail your application to:
- Bush School of Government and Public Service
- Emerging Leaders Program
- Texas A&M University, 4220 TAMU
- College Station, TX 77843-4220
- Fax: (979) 845-4155

For more information see our website ['http://bush.tamu.edu/emergingleaders'](http://bush.tamu.edu/emergingleaders) or contact:

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Contact Information

Name: __________________________
E-mail Address: __________________
Job Title: _______________________
Organization: __________________

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Preferred mailing address  __ Work  __ Home

Ethnicity (optional)  __ African American  __ Asian American
                      __ Caucasian          __ Native American
                      __ Hispanic           __ Other

Respond to the following Questions:

1. How did you hear about the program?

2. Write a brief background statement about yourself including skills and/or experiences you bring to the Emerging Leaders program. (100-200 words)

3. What do you hope to gain from the Emerging Leaders program? (100-200 words)
Information for Letter of Nomination
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Information and guidelines for the letter of nomination and support

One of the things we have learned over the years is the importance of professional support and mentors. The Bush School provides a lot of information and guidance over the three-day period. However, these benefits can wash away without a network of ongoing support and guidance. At least one, and likely multiple, individuals in this network should be seasoned professionals with a desire and ability to create leaders in their organizations and community. To that end, we seek a letter of nomination from one key individual who has the ability and the interest to build the leadership potential of the participant.

Who should provide the letter of nomination?

The sponsor should demonstrate knowledge of the applicant and his or her potential as a leader, and express a willingness to work with the applicant after the program to help the applicant achieve professional development goals. The letter does not have to come from someone within the applicant’s current organization, but should come from someone who is committed to the applicant’s professional development. The applicant’s current supervisor or boss is a logical choice because he or she works fairly closely with the applicant and can speak to the applicant’s abilities and potential. Furthermore, these individuals have some influence over the work experiences of the candidate. If the supervisor or executive director is not the most appropriate individual, the applicant may consider others who can speak effectively about the applicant's potential and are able to support the applicant’s professional development.

What is expected of your supervisor or professional mentor?

This sponsor should commit to supporting the applicant after the program is completed. This will include meeting with the participant to discuss and prioritize professional development goals, and helping the participant identify and consider different learning opportunities. This is an ongoing relationship and discussion that is revisited and maintained for the long-term.