

**Challenge yourself . . . Enhance your leadership skills . . .
Learn how history can inform actions of today
Help make the goals & dreams of your community a reality!**

Join the Neighborhood Leadership Program (NLP)

The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, in collaboration with the Minnesota Historical Society, is pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the six-month Neighborhood Leadership Program (NLP). Join a diverse group of 30 people to explore neighborhood involvement and develop leadership skills to take effective community action.

Thanks to collaboration with the Minnesota Historical Society, this year the program participants will also have the opportunity to learn more about our community history and how that can contribute to us taking effective action today.



Why Participate in NLP?

NLP reflects a shared, collaborative leadership model and philosophy that all people can be leaders. We believe that leadership is: working effectively with others to accomplish shared goals and that the purpose of leadership is to develop and sustain healthy and thriving communities. By participating in the program, you will:

- Learn about yourself and how you can effectively contribute to community
- Develop skills and relationships to work effectively with others from a broad range of backgrounds, ages and cultures
- Engage, or further engage, in meaningful action in the community
- Expand your knowledge of community history and how that can inform your actions today



Who Participates?

NLP brings together people from a wide range of ages, cultural backgrounds, and levels of community involvement. Participants come from a variety of formal and informal community-based organizations.

Participation Criteria

Participants in this program are eager to connect with a diverse learning community to explore community involvement and develop leadership skills to take effective action. We encourage people from a diversity of gender, geography, age, and cultural/ethnic backgrounds to apply. In order to participate in the program, you must:

- Live, work or volunteer in Saint Paul
- Be 16 years of age or older
- Demonstrate interest and/or involvement in contributing to the community
- Make a commitment to attend 2 sessions per month from October - April and the retreat
- Pay a registration fee of \$100 or locate a sponsor (*limited scholarships available*)



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Training Methodology and Topics

Participants engage in bi-monthly experiential learning sessions. A new feature to the curriculum this year is a historical look at our community and asking what we can learn from history as we take action today. Examples of possible training topics include:

- Personal values and community work
- Working inclusively in communities
- Intercultural communication
- Conflict resolution
- Navigating city and county government
- Participatory meeting facilitation
- Drawing on history to take action today



Coaching

Each participant is paired with a community coach who shares in the participant's learning journey. Participants meet with their community coach at least four times during the program. The coach asks questions, listens, shares their experiences, and serves as a thinking partner for the NLP participant during their community leadership journey.

Session Dates, Times, and Locations

All sessions are held in Saint Paul at the Wilder Foundation (451 Lexington Parkway North) or at the Minnesota History Center (345 Kellogg Blvd). ***We expect participants to attend all sessions.*** The dates and times of the sessions are as follows:

<i>Orientation</i> Tuesday, October 26, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	<i>Retreat</i> 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm Friday, November 5 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturday, November 6
<i>Sessions</i> Tuesday, November 16, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm Tuesday, December 14, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm Tuesday, January 18, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm Tuesday, February 22, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm Tuesday, March 15, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Saturday, December 4, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Saturday, January 8, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Saturday, February 5, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Saturday, March 5, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Saturday, April 2, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
<i>Graduation</i> Tuesday, April 19, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	

Child care and transportation to sessions are available within St. Paul – please request them on your application.

Course Cost and Required Fee

We require each participant, or their sponsors, pay a \$100 registration fee. If you need help identifying a sponsor organization or a scholarship, please indicate this when you receive notification of your acceptance in the Neighborhood Leadership Program. NLP spends approximately \$4,000 on each participant. We ask participants, or their sponsors, to contribute more than the registration fee whenever possible.

To Apply: Applications are due by Monday, September 27. For more information, please call 651-280-2457, email NLP@wilder.org, or visit our website at www.wilder.org/nlp.html



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Neighborhood Leadership Program Application

(Due by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 27, 2010)

Submit Application to: PattiJo Verdeja, Neighborhood Leadership Programs, 451 Lexington Pkwy N,
Saint Paul, MN 55104, by email to nlp@wilder.org or by fax to 651-280-3457

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Gender _____

Address _____ Teen _____ Adult _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____

Cellular Phone: _____

E-Mail: Home _____ Work _____

Preferred Phone: Circle one H W Cel

Preferred Email: Circle one H W

Childcare and transportation are available on a limited basis:

Childcare: I will need onsite childcare in order to attend sessions: Yes _____ No _____

If yes, I will need childcare for _____ (# of children) and they are the following ages: _____

Transportation: I will need transportation assistance to participate in the program: Yes _____ No _____
(We will work to help ensure full participation in the program by facilitating transportation where possible.)

Please complete the information below:

1. Your connection to Saint Paul: live, work, or volunteer: _____

2. How long have you lived, worked, or volunteered in Saint Paul? _____

3. Why are you interested in participating in this program?

4. What are two key things you hope to learn by participating in this program?



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Name: _____

5. In what ways have you been involved in your neighborhood or community?

6. What are two strengths that you bring to neighborhood leadership?

7. What are two challenges you face in neighborhood leadership?

8. Please tell us about a topic or issue you want to work on in your community and why?
Or, tell us about something you would like to improve in your community and why?

9. **If accepted into this program, you will be committed to attending the retreat, all Tuesday evening sessions, and all the Saturday sessions.** *Please check one of the following boxes.*
- I am committed to attending all session if accepted into the program
(Please see the NLP information sheet for a complete list of dates.)
 - I am unable to commit to all sessions, and would still like to be considered for the program.
If you check this box, please explain which session(s) you will miss and why:

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