



SOUTHERN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY

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Program Overview

The Southern Leadership Academy was created by Missouri Southern State University and the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Network to identify, cultivate and motivate future community leaders currently enrolled in college. The Southern Leadership Academy provides a strategic curriculum to enhance participants' leadership skills and community awareness.

By the end of the Southern Leadership Academy, participants will:

- Develop and cultivate leadership skills
- Better understand the community
- See Joplin in terms of the “big picture”
- Gain valuable networking contacts
- Learn about career opportunities in the community

Program Expectations

- Attend all scheduled sessions
- Meet with counselor for a resume review appointment
- Meet with director for leadership coaching appointment
- Attend one Career Services event throughout the semester
- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Completed 30 or more credit hours
- Enrolled in at least 6 hours for the semester

Session Dates

Program meets eight Friday afternoons and two Saturdays during the semester. Please review session dates at mssu.edu/SLA

The Selection Process

Program participation is limited to 11-15 students per semester, depending on program funding. Students must submit a completed application and payment of \$25 or essay to be considered for the program. Application fees will be refunded to candidates not selected.

Southern Leadership Academy selection is based on the following individual criteria:

- Completed application and payment or essay must be received by the due date. For specific date check Career Services social media or mssu.edu/SLA
- Involvement or desire to become involved in the campus or community
- Demonstrated ability and desire to assume greater community and campus leadership responsibility
- A clear willingness to make a commitment to the program demands
- Ability to interact with business professionals in a mature and self-aware manner

Application Fee Waiver

To apply for an application fee waiver, write a one page maximum essay about:

- Why you would like to participate in the Southern Leadership Academy
- How the program could benefit you
- Your commitment to the program and its requirements

Attach the essay with your application in lieu of the application fee and bring it to the Career Services Office in Spiva Library Suite 207.

Payment of \$25 or essay waiver must accompany this form. Application fees will be refunded to candidates not selected. Submit a check payable to Missouri Southern State University or pay by cash at Missouri Southern State University Career Services Office in Spiva Library Suite 207.

Applicant Information (Please Print)

First Name: _____

Preferred First Name: _____

Major: _____

Referred by: _____

Preferred Email: _____

Local Mailing Address: _____

Graduated High School or Obtained GED From: _____ (City, State)

Originally From (if different than above): _____ (City, State)

Employer Name (if employed): _____

Last Name: _____

SID #: _____

Anticipated Graduation: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Shirt Size: Small Medium Large XLarge 2XLarge 3XLarge

Shirt Fit: Men’s Women’s

Session Applying For: Fall Spring

Attach additional page if needed.

1.

Why do you want to be in the Southern Leadership Academy?
2.

List leadership programs and campus or community organizations in which you have participated or played an active role.
3.

What is your favorite leadership quote?

Campus References
(instructors, academic or club advisors, coaches, etc.)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Choose One:

- ☐ I have reviewed all sessions dates at mssu.edu/SLA and am available for all dates.
- ☐ I have a conflict with _____ date.
- ☐ I have class on Friday afternoons in the semester I am applying for.

If selected as a participant in the Southern Leadership Academy, I am able to attend all sessions and understand that attendance is mandatory. I understand that if I fail to meet the program obligations, I may be excused from the program. If accepted to participate in the Southern Leadership Academy, I agree that the information contained on this application and photos obtained at events may be used for promotions, activities and projects, as deemed appropriate by the JACC and MSSU.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Attach \$25 or scholarship essay

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT TRAVEL CODE OF CONDUCT

It is expected that all students traveling on behalf of the University, conduct themselves in a manner that will encourage public confidence and overall respect for the University. The following policy applies to all persons traveling to meetings, conferences, retreats, or other activities using Missouri Southern State University funds. Individuals who do not sign this policy will NOT be approved to travel.

Sponsoring student organizations and/or individuals may be held responsible for their actions during travel. Abuse of alcohol/drugs or other irresponsible behavior can adversely affect the status of the organization and the student's status for future travel plans. The Division of Student Affairs expects that all unlawful and disrespectful behavior be reported to the Dean of Students.

1. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in MSSU vehicles or in rental vehicles utilized for University travel.
2. Alcoholic beverage consumption under the age of 21 and the use and/or possession of illegal drugs will not be tolerated
 - a. Individuals over the age of 21 must conduct themselves in an appropriate manner and exhibit good conduct as a representative of the University. If so choosing to drink no purchasing for minors, no driving, and no open public intoxication.
3. Traffic violations while driving any vehicle during a University function will be the driver's responsibility.
4. Participants are expected to attend all business meetings, workshops, and other scheduled event programs. Social events and tours will be at the digression of the Advisor(s).
 - a. Failure to attend the conference unless authorized by an Advisor, Dean, or Vice President, may result in the student having to repay all travel expenditures made by MSSU on the student's behalf
5. Participants must be prompt and prepared for all meetings and sessions
 - a. Dress appropriately and interact professionally
 - b. Students must report all accidents, injuries, illnesses, or significant incidents to the Advisor(s) immediately.
 - c. Any additional travel expense incurred without prior approval will be at the student(s)/participant(s) own cost unless warranted by the Advisor(s).
6. Participants are responsible for their own actions. Any type of theft, vandalism, or other unwarranted behavior to another person or property while on the trip will be at the financial expense of the person responsible for the act.
7. Students will stay on conference/hotel grounds at all times unless instructed by the Advisor directly.
8. In order to attend the trip, conference, etc the participant must abide by these rules and sign the code of conduct
9. The Advisor(s) shall have authority and supervision of the event and its participants.

By signing this document, I am accepting full responsibility as a representative of Missouri Southern State University for my actions and will adhere to the above policies. I understand that if I violate any policy, the Advisor(s) may take the necessary actions to protect the reputation of the University. I understand the risks associated with traveling, and despite these risks, choose to continue on the trip. I further agree to comply with all applicable laws and ordinances and MSSU regulations, rules, and policies. I further hereby agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless to the MSSU institution from any judgment, settlement, loss, liability, damage or costs, including court and attorney fees that may incur as a proximate result of any act or omission on my part during the participation in this trip. I further agree that the University has the right and permission to record my participation and appearance in any form of media in an appropriate manner. I will assume responsibility for all costs incurred by me while attending the trip, including medical care if needed.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT AND WILL UPHOLD TO THE POLICIES IN THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

Name of Participant _____ Signature _____

Date _____

Participant Address _____

Participant's Phone _____

Parent/Guardian (if under 18) _____

Parent/Guardian Phone number _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____