

# Mississippi Black Leadership Institute

Creating a Legacy of Leadership in Mississippi

2016 – 2017 APPLICATION

## 1. Tell Us About Yourself

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

*(As you would like it to appear on your badge)*

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE PHONE \_\_\_\_\_



How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been proposed for Membership before? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE LIST YOUR ROLE(S) IN THE COMMUNITY:

Clergy     Community Activist     Educator     Elected Official/Candidate     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a current Resume and Bio.**

## 2. Community Service History

Please list your organizational/political/social affiliations:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

**The Leadership Institute promotes an agenda of leadership development to achieve equity and justice for vulnerable and marginalized Mississippians whose voices and values are often underrepresented. Above all, we value Community, Excellence, and Leadership.**

**In what way(s) do you believe the Leadership Institute will be of help to you, and why is this a good time for you to be proposed for admission to the Institute? *(Please attach a separate sheet if you need additional space)***

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**What do you feel you can contribute to the Leadership Institute?\_\_\_\_\_**

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**All Institute members are required to implement a community program that is designed to transform their local community (and perhaps the state). Please provide a description of your community transformation plan:**

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### 3. Prospective Member Contract

**Attendance and Work Commitment – The Leadership Institute convenes one weekend each month (typically Saturday) for 9 consecutive months. The sessions focus on developing the community leadership capacity of individuals. The training emphasizes an interactive and facilitative style rather than lectures. It draws on the knowledge and skills of those in the room, augmented by the lesson in the curriculum. Each prospective member must acknowledge the following membership responsibilities:**

- ❖ **I agree to accept and complete the training required by the MBLI including the time commitments of membership and placement.**
  - ❖ **I agree to attend 8 out of 9 complete sessions. I understand that I will be terminated from the program for not meeting the attendance policy.**
  - ❖ **I agree to be on time for each session. I have received permission from my employer to leave work in time to attend EACH SESSION IN ITS ENTIRETY.**
  - ❖ **I agree to participate fully and engage in each session.**
  - ❖ **I agree to complete the reading assignments as required.**
  - ❖ **I agree to complete an approved Community Transformation Plan that is designed to transform my community.**
- I understand that I will be terminated from the program for failure to complete the community service requirement.**
- ❖ **I agree to lead at least one discussion session during the year.**
  - ❖ **I agree to, except for emergency, give the Institute staff at least 48 hours notice of my absence.**
  - ❖ **I understand that I will be terminated from the program for committing fraud upon the Institute.**
  - ❖ **I give One Voice permission to use photographs and video images of me for purposes of promotion and training.**

**Signed:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_**

**In case of an emergency, please contact:\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**Name Telephone**

**Please return with this form to the address below:** *(your application will not be considered until ALL documents have been received. If you are not selected for this class, your completed application will be kept on file and considered for the 2017 -2018 class.)*

**1. Completed application**

**2. Current Resume**

**3. Current Biography/Autobiographical Statement** *(one-page typed introspective autobiographical statement discussing your values, emotion and spiritual insights, aspirations, and life experiences that have led to your decision to apply)*

**Via Mail:**

Attention: Lolita Bolden  
Mississippi Black Leadership Institute  
c/o One Voice Mississippi  
1072 W. Lynch Street, Suite 7  
Jackson, MS 39203

**Via Email:**

[lbolden@uniteonevoice.org](mailto:lbolden@uniteonevoice.org)

**All applications must be received on or before 5:00 pm June 10, 2016. The first session is Thursday – Sunday, August 11 –13, 2016, at the Congressional Black Caucus Institute Tunica Policy Conference.**

