

**MISSISSIPPI BLACK LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**  
*Creating a Legacy of Leadership in Mississippi*  
 2019-2020

**1. TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF**

Name:		
Date of birth:	Home Phone:	Mobile Phone:
Current address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
How did you hear about us?		
Have you been proposed for membership before?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, when?
What is your role in the community? (Please attach a current resume and biography)		

**2. COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Please list your organizational/political/social affiliations and role you play within each:

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.

Why would you like to be a part of the Leadership Institute?

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, keeping in mind it can change.

Include:

- A community need;
- Include a partner organization (if possible);
- Benefit both the community & the partner organization;
- Expand the boundaries of traditional community services; and
- Align with the Institute's goals & objectives

**3. PROSPECTIVE MEMBER CONTRACT**

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**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 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

Signature of applicant:	Date:
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**In case of an emergency, please contact:**

Name:	Telephone:
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Please provide with this form to the address below a:

1. Completed Application
2. Current Resume
3. Current Biography/Autobiographical Statement (on-page typed introspective autobiographical statement discussing your values, emotion and spiritual insights, aspirations, and life experiences that have led to your decision to apply)
4. Current Headshot

If you have been chosen to participate in this upcoming cohort, you will be required to participate in an interview.

*Note: Your application will not be considered until ALL documents have been received. If you are not selected for this class, your complete application will be kept on file and considered for the 2020-2021 cohort.*

To Return Via Mail:	Attention: Lolita Bolden Mississippi Black Leadership Institute c/o One Voice Mississippi 1072 West Lynch Street, Suite 7 Jackson, Mississippi 39203
To Return Via Email:	<a href="mailto:lbolden@uniteonevoice.org">lbolden@uniteonevoice.org</a>
All applications must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. June 7, 2019. The first session is Thursday-Sunday, August 8-11, 2019, at the Congressional Black Caucus Institute Tunica Policy Conference, Tunica, Mississippi.	