

# MBLI FAQ GUIDE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MISSISSIPPI BLACK LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

## FAQS

### **Who Can Attend the Institute?**

Emerging leaders, ages 25-45, from various disciplines across the state of Mississippi.

### **Is There A Fee?**

No. The Institute takes place over 9 monthly weekend sessions beginning in August, typically Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. Lodging and meals are provided.

### **Where Will Sessions Be Held?**

The Institute sessions will be held virtually and/or at Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi and Hyatt Place, Ridgeland, Mississippi.

## **What Is The Application Process?**

Selection is competitive and requires a completed application; submission of a current resume; current biography/autobiographical statement; and two letters of recommendation.

Applications will be evaluated by a selection committee, using a self-developed rubric. Applications will be scored based on the selection criteria. Every effort will be made to ensure applicants are selected from different backgrounds and areas of the state.

Up to twenty-five (25) individuals will be invited to attend, subject to the selection process results.

## **Do Participants Share a Room?**

Rooms at the hotel are provided for participants traveling beyond a 30-mile radius. Reservations will be made by One Voice, however, you will need to provide the hotel with a valid credit card number. This will secure your reservation, meaning the hotel will be able to charge you a cancellation fee if you don't show.

## **How is MBLI Different from Other Leadership Institutes?**

The Mississippi Black Leadership Institute is designed to grow the next generation of black professional and community leaders in the state of Mississippi. In addition to training, the Institute features community projects designed to create a transformational experience for participants and their communities.

The purpose of the Institute is to expand participants understanding of the nature of leadership development, public policy and community development change.

## **Is There A Project Component Associated With The Institute?**

Each Institute participant must select and implement a community transformation project over the course of the nine months. Projects must benefit the community.

## **Am I Allowed To Miss Any Sessions?**

Participants are expected to attend all sessions, however provisions can be made for one (1) excused absence.