



Pearl S. Buck Leadership Training Program SPRING 2017 APPLICATION Form and Instructions

Please submit your completed application to:

Pearl S. Buck Leadership Training Program

Pearl S. Buck International Inc.

520 Dublin Road

Perkasie, PA 18944

Phone: 215-249-0100 x 126

Email: gseklecki@pearlsbuck.org

If you are in 9th, 10th or 11th grade, this application becomes complete and valid when the following materials have been received:

1. Application
2. Two essay questions – 250 words each question, typed, single spaced
3. Reference forms – 2 Personal from an Adult
4. Commitment Sheet signed by applicant and parent

Please type or print each section. Application must be signed by *both* applicant and parent. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis with the application process ending upon the acceptance of 20 students or before **February 24, 2017**. If you have any questions, please contact Gina Seklecki at gseklecki@pearlsbuck.org or 215.249.0100 x126.

THIS PROGRAM IS FULLY FUNDED BY COMCAST

INFORMATION FOR THE APPLICANT:

Review the following information before completing your application form. 100% attendance at all program sessions is expected, so review the program dates carefully to make sure you do not have any conflicts.

COST:

There is **no cost** for participants who are accepted into this program. The program is fully funded by a grant from Comcast.

ELIGIBILITY:

Students who will be in **9th, 10th, or 11th grade in the 2017/18 school year** may apply to participate.

Interested students should:

- Express an interest in furthering their knowledge and skills of leadership
- Commit to 100% attendance at all sessions
- Receive a recommendation from their principal, teacher or counselor and another adult.

SELECTION PROCESS

Using the objectives of the Pearl S. Buck Leadership Training Program, the Lead Trainer will review all applications and personally interview candidates to select 18-20 participants for each session. Applications will remain confidential.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Reply promptly. Students will be interviewed and accepted on a rolling basis, **with the application period ending upon the acceptance of the first 20 students or before 2/24/2017.**

PROGRAM DATES:

Parent Orientation

March 6, 2017 (Mon.) 6pm-7:30pm

Class Schedule

March 12th 9am-4pm

March 14th 4-7pm

March 21nd 5-7pm

March 28th 4-7pm

April 4th 5-7pm

April 11th 5-7pm

April 18th 4-7pm

April 25th 4-7pm

May 2nd 4-6:30pm

May 9th 5-7pm

Service Project: Date to be Determined

Graduation

May 16, 2017 (Tues.) 6pm-7pm

All participants must make a commitment to attend 100% of the sessions above and complete a service project.

If you have any questions about the program please contact gseklecki@pearlsbuck.org.



PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____

Nickname: _____ Birthday ____/____/____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Home Address: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Address (if different): _____

Parent/Guardian Home Phone (if different): _____

Email: _____ Work Phone: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

1. Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

2. Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

3. Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

High School Attending in Sept. 2017 _____

Grade in Sept. 2017 _____ Main area(s) of interest in school: _____

Do you participate in after school sports? (Please list) _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Using a few phrases or adjectives, describe yourself in the space provided below.

2. What do you hope to get out of this program? (Use the space provided)

ESSAYS

Please respond to the following two questions in 250 typed words or less per question:

1. If you could improve anything in your community, what would it be and how would you improve it?

2. Give me an example of a time when you played a leadership role in an event, activity or situation. Describe how you led and how others responded to your leadership.

Reference Form #1 - Personal: To be completed by an adult who knows you well, *other than a parent or relative*

TO THE APPLICANT

Last Name _____ First _____

The comments will be used for program selection purposes only. Please sign and date the waiver below.

Waiver of Access: I as applicant, waive the right of personal access to the reference.

Signature of Applicant

Date

TO THE REFERENCE

The person named above is an applicant for the Pearl S. Buck Leadership Training Program and has requested that you complete this form as his/her reference. The Program Leaders attach considerable weight to the statements made by references of the applicant. They are aware of the time necessary to prepare such an assessment and gratefully acknowledge your help.

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520 Dublin Road, Perkasio, PA 18944; Fax: 215-249-9657; Email: gseklecki@pearlsbuck.org

Name of Reference: _____

Position/Title: _____

School/Firm/Organization _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper:

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
2. What do you consider the applicant's primary talents and strengths?
3. What do you consider the applicant's main challenge?
4. Can you comment on the applicant's communication and behavior with his or her peers?
5. Please comment generally on the applicant's interest in community affairs and potential for leadership.

Signature of Reference

Date

Reference Form #2 - Personal: To be completed by an adult who knows you well, *other than a parent or relative*

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Commitment

Each participant is expected to attend every session. To make sure you do not have unavoidable conflicts, please compare your schedule with the program dates before completing your application. If selected, you **must** commit to attend all program sessions including the service project activity if unable to be scheduled on a pre-published date.

APPLICANT'S COMMITMENT

I have read the attendance policy and agree that it is essential I attend all the Leadership Program sessions. **I understand that if I do not meet the attendance requirements I may be dropped from the program.**

Signature of Applicant

Date

PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S COMMITMENT:

_____ has my full support for the time and personal commitment required to participate in the Pearl S. Buck Leadership Program. I understand that attendance at all sessions is mandatory for the successful completion and full experience of the program.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

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