

GFWC LEADS (Leadership Education And Development Seminar)

OBJECTIVE:

To identify GFWC members who have the potential to assume leadership positions beyond the club level and provide them with the skills, confidence and commitment to become future Federation leaders.

Leadership is the key to building membership, preserving organizational continuity, enhancing image and identity, and maintaining sound fiscal policies. The GFWC Leadership Education And Development Seminar (LEADS) is designed to develop, nurture and sustain a broad and deep pool of capable GFWC leaders well into the future. The program was initiated in 2002 for the purpose of finding, training and encouraging clubwomen at the grassroots level to step up, pursue and accept leadership opportunities at all levels of Federation.

“The LEADS program is an invaluable benefit of belonging to GFWC. The exchange of ideas among participants and the camaraderie that developed was contagious....Now if you ask any of the LEADS participants to serve in a leadership role, you will hear an enthusiastic YES.”

Maryland LEADS participant

LEADS is held once a year on the day before the official opening of the GFWC Annual International Convention. It is a full day (8 am-5pm) of activities, including breakfast and lunch. The LEADS agenda may include:

- Presentations on conflict resolution and mediation; public speaking; time management; parliamentary procedure
- Explanations of GFWC resources, programs, materials, assistance
- Discussions on GFWC policies, protocol, parliamentary law
- Tips and techniques for pursuing leadership opportunities

“The LEADS program inspired me to be more powerful and it breathed fresh life into me. I am more confident, enthusiastic and energized about serving my club and state federation than ever before.”

Ohio LEADS participant

Each state federation is responsible for: promoting LEADS, distributing and soliciting applications from interested members, establishing a selection process based on standard criteria, and selecting one participant to represent the state. Participant information is forwarded to GFWC Headquarters by March 1.

TO APPLY: Copy and submit to the TFWC LEADS representative the LEADS Application Form found on the **reverse side** of this page.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Request the LEADS Information Kit from the GFWC Materials Center.

GFWC is committed to supporting participation in LEADS by covering a portion of attendees' expenses including:

- Round trip travel to and from the GFWC convention city
- Portion of hotel expenses at official convention hotel
- Breakfast and lunch during LEADS program
- Discounted Convention meal charges

State federations may consider underwriting a portion of attendees' expenses. Participants are asked to be responsible for a portion of their expenses as an affirmation of their personal commitment.

“I have heard the GFWC Volunteer call and answered. I don't think I would have been as brave if not for LEADS.”

Indiana LEADS participant

GFWC LEADS PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

Submit to TFWC LEADS Chairman

Deadline: February 1

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____
Club: _____ District: _____

Above information should be concealed during judging process

List all local club offices and/or chairmanships held:* _____

List all district offices and/or chairmanships held:* _____

List GFWC club/district programs/projects in which involved:* _____

List positions at district/state/national level in which you are interested:* _____

***Attach a brief summary about yourself and your experience and interests in your club and district.**

Are you willing to:

Defray costs to attend GFWC LEADS not covered by GFWC or state? Yes ___ No ___

Return to the state and share what you have learned at LEADS? Yes ___ No ___

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: (February 1).

*If more space is needed, please attach additional pages.

Return this form along with 2 letters of support from active GFWC club members to:

YOUR DESIGNATED TFWC DISTRICT LEADS CHAIRMAN