



## **NLDP Application Form – Cohort VIII**

### **Eligibility:**

NLDP Cohort VIII is a nine-month, fifteen-session leadership training program designed for residents of Cleveland or its Inner Ring suburbs who are actively engaged in improving the neighborhoods of Cleveland.

These citizens:

- Are engaged community leaders compelled to action in their work or through their volunteerism
- Understand and value the opportunity to connect and collaborate with other community leaders as they pursue activities to positively change their communities
- Will commit to participate actively and fully in every NLDP program session, including the sharing of pertinent information
- Commit to exploring solutions and accepting an important opportunity for self-reflection through the leadership coaching services offered to all NLDP participants
- Are ready to move forward with an existing project or idea that improves their neighborhood and recognizes the potential benefits of NLDP to them and their work

### **Application Process:**

If you have questions about NLDP, visit [www.nldpcleveland.com](http://www.nldpcleveland.com) or call 216-776-6172.

Applications may be submitted via email to [ymurray@nldpcleveland.com](mailto:ymurray@nldpcleveland.com), faxed to 216-436-2172, or delivered to the NLDP office located in the Mandel Community United Way Building at 1331 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

Applications are due no later than 5:00pm on July 31, 2014. Interviews will be scheduled for individuals selected to move forward in the application process.

Cohort VIII applications are also available on the NLDP website.

**Evaluation Criteria:**

Applications will be evaluated based upon an applicant’s demonstrated degree of dedication to improving Cleveland neighborhoods, a clear indication of his or her passion for an existing community improvement project or idea, and whether he/she shows a willingness to learn and has an openness to further developing their leadership skills.

Applications must be complete and accurate to the best of the applicant’s knowledge.

**Cohort VIII Application Period: June 2, 2014 – July 31, 2014**  
**NLDP Cohort VIII - Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

The neighborhood or suburb you reside in:  
(Example: Ohio City – Lakewood)

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The neighborhood you are seeking to improve:

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Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Limit responses to 300 words or less, with the exception of question #5, which does not have a word limit.

1. What do you seek to gain by participating in the NLDP?

2. What makes you passionate about Cleveland and what traits define you as an emerging leader?
  
3. Describe the project that you will be working on if accepted into the program. Please indicate the status of your project in terms of its development. (**Example:** I bring small groups of neighborhood kids together to learn about mediation. The issue of youth violence is important to me because of the escalating violence between children with little positive parental guidance in my neighborhood. I have been involved with this project for the past two years, and am planning to expand the project to reach more children.)
  
4. List other activities you have been involved with in Cleveland neighborhoods.
  
5. List any organizations or projects you are actively involved in as well as your role within the organization/project.

6. If you have a resume and/or short bio, please attach to the application.

7a. How did you become aware of the Neighborhood Leadership Development Program?

7b. This person recommended that I apply. (If applicable)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

8a. Have you ever participated in or are you currently participating in a leadership development program? \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

8b. If yes, what program and when?

**9. For Residents of an Inner-Ring Suburb – Limit your response to 200 words or less: Specifically explain why you as a non-Cleveland resident should be chosen for a program dedicated to improving the leadership skills of people striving to create progress in the neighborhoods of Cleveland.**

**Acceptance into NLDP is open to anyone regardless of race, religion, gender, age or level of education.**

**Submission Deadline: July 31, 2014 by 5:00pm**