



**MULTICULTURAL
COALITION
OF WILL COUNTY**

January 7, 2020

Dear Employer,

The Multicultural Coalition of Will County invites you to nominate one or more of your staff members to participate in the second cohort of the Multicultural Leadership Academy of Will County, which is a collaboration between Family Bridges, Lewis University, and Spanish Community Center. The purpose of the Multicultural Leadership Academy is to bring together and train emerging leaders to meet the leadership challenges and opportunities that our diverse suburbs face in the nonprofit sector. Through the academy, they will form a strong network that can call upon each other to continue making Will County a great place for all to live.

Benefits to your organization include:

- Leadership development through skills such as public speaking, nonprofit basics, collaboration, etc.
- Engaging with the local community by applying new skills and knowledge to a community-based capstone project. Last year's capstone projects included topics such as:
 - Supporting Diversity in the Nonprofit Workplace
 - Documentary: "Undocu-chronicles of Will County"
 - Anti-racism Mini Grant Program in Will County
- Networking with peers and experts in the nonprofit field committed to cross-cultural dialogue and social change

To maximize these benefits, this program is designed to meet weekly between February and May 2020 on Saturday mornings from 9am-1pm at Lewis University. Speakers include professors, nonprofit executive directors, experienced grantwriters, retired business executives, among others.

We understand this time commitment may be difficult for some workplaces. However, these emerging leaders will bring back new ideas, energy, and relationships relevant to our multicultural community and context. The Academy has a \$500 value which includes lunch, expert guest speakers, skills workshops, and more. Thanks to generous grant support, the cost is \$150 per individual in 2020 and scholarships are available on a limited basis for those unable to meet this commitment.

Should you have any questions, please email multicultural@spanishcenter.org. We hope to have your organization represented this semester!

Kind regards,
Veronica Gloria, Spanish Community Center
Barb Linek, Family Bridges
Dr. Jennifer Tello Buntin, Lewis University





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Multicultural Leadership Academy Application

Due: January 31st at 11:59 PM to multicultural@spanishcenter.org. Payment due at the first session after having received confirmation of being accepted into the program.

Name: _____ Title: _____
Company/Organization: _____
School attending (if any): _____
Program enrolled in (if any): _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please respond with a minimum of 100 words to a maximum of 200 words per question.

Question 1: Why are you interested in participating in this leadership academy?

Question 2: Describe a pressing social justice issue impacting your community and why you think it is important.

Question 3: What do you hope to gain from this experience? How will you apply it to your community and/or organization?

Question 4: If selected, are there any obstacles that may prevent you from participating fully in all sessions [e.g. transportation, childcare, work schedule, etc.]?

5. If selected, what size polo shirt should we order you? Men _____ or Women _____

6. How did you hear about the Multicultural Leadership Academy? Choose as many as apply:

___ Facebook

___ Instagram

___ from a friend

___ LinkedIn

___ from the _____ organization

___ email list from _____

___ other: _____

7. Please attach:

- List of your professional and volunteer experience OR resume
- Letter of support from your organization, signed by the CEO, president or chair

If you would like to nominate someone within your organization, please send us their name and email so that we can share the application with them.