



ENHANCE YOUR COMMUNITY IMPACT WITH LEADERSHIP AKRON'S SIGNATURE JOURNEY

The Leadership Akron Signature Program offers a dynamic ten-month journey for leaders across various sectors who aim to expand their impact within our community. This distinguished program provides participants with a comprehensive understanding of the community beyond their sphere. It involves engaging with sector-specific subject matter experts, participating in insightful site visits and tours, and embracing opportunities for collaborative connectivity. Participants gain valuable exposure to diverse perspectives through interactions with their classmates, fostering a broader view of community interests.

Participants of the Signature Program can expect more than just learning; they'll experience unique, fully immersive experiences. These experiences are tailored to enhance leadership skills and community involvement, making it an ideal opportunity for those looking to make a significant mark in the Akron area.

PROGRAM DATES 2024-2025

- February 1: Applications Open
- March 30: Applications Close
- August 14: Akron City Tour
- September 12-13: Opening Retreat
- September 25: Parks & Environment Day
- October 16: Education Day
- November 13: Business, Innovation & Entrepreneurship Day
- December 11: Arts & Culture Day
- January 15: Healthcare Day
- February 19: Social Services Day
- March 19: Justice Day
- April 16: Civic Leadership Day
- May 8-9: Closing Retreat
- June 4: Graduation

Tuition for Signature Program is \$4,650.
Limited tuition assistance may be available
upon request.

For more information or to apply:
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KEY DATES IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS

February 1:	Applications Open
March 30:	Applications Close
April 5:	Email Henry Johnson if you have not been contacted to schedule your interview – hjohnson@leadershipakron.org
April 12:	All Interviews Complete
Week of June 10:	Class Notifications

HOW TO PREPARE

The application needs to be completed in one sitting. We recommend that you prepare responses in a separate document and copy and paste them into the application form fields. The application covers the following areas and includes several narrative responses and a brief 30-second video.

All applicants will participate in an interview.

Members of the Leadership Akron Board of Directors conduct the interviews and will contact applicants directly to schedule.

Interviews are assigned on a rolling basis as applications are received.

Contact information, demographics, education, and employer information

Descriptions of your involvement in up to 3 community organizations

- What was your role and date of service?
- Greatest contribution to the organization (50 words or less).
- If you have not had the time or interest to become actively involved, what has changed that now allows you to seek involvement in the community?

3 Non-employer video references (Leadership Akron Board Members may not be used as a reference)

Personal Narratives (1,024 characters or 100-125 words for each question)

- Third-person biographical sketch.
- Why do you want to participate in the Signature Program?
- Examples of the unique blend of personality, interests, talents, leadership style, skills and life experiences that you will bring to the class.
- Describe your leadership qualities. Provide an example of a life experience, or individual, having the greatest influence on you as a leader.
- What do you see the greatest strengths and biggest challenges of the Greater Akron area?
- What contributions are you making, or would you make to capitalize on its strengths and help address the challenges?
- What is your vision for Greater Akron's Future? (30 second video response)

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