



LA 30 COMMITMENT STATEMENT

Program Day Attendance

Participants are expected to clear their schedules and attend every program day. Absences affect the cohesion of the class and diminish everyone's learning. The full commitment of each class member is critical to the success of the program and each class member's experience.

Attendance is mandatory for the September 21 Orientation, October 7-8 Overnight Retreat, and May 9 Graduation. In addition, there are attendance requirements for the remaining program days, allowing participants 8 hours of excused absence for unexpected emergencies.

Missing between 8 and 16 hours of class meeting time will require a participant to attend an appropriate number of meetings or events the following year in order to officially graduate. If a participant misses more than 16 hours, he or she will be asked to withdraw from the program and forfeit tuition.

Other Commitments

LA Program participants contribute time and effort to a Leadership Learning Team project and participate in a number of additional activities outside the monthly meeting days to enrich and complete the program experience. The schedule and time commitment outside of class time, for the project and other activities, requires at least 20 hours over the 9-month period.

Attitude

Participants must bring an open mind, a willingness to listen and seek to understand other perspectives, and a commitment to community service. Participants are asked to contribute to discussions as well as give others an opportunity to contribute. The LA Program is a unique experience; many graduates emphasize that "you get out of it what you put into it." Participants should be ready to engage fully, build trust with classmates, and embrace new experiences/perspectives.

Post-Graduation

After completing the program, graduates are expected to volunteer 2 years of service to the Leadership Asheville organization.

Commitment Statement

I understand the expectations, purposes, and requirements of the LA 30 Program (2011-2012). I realize this requires a significant amount of time and effort over a 9-month period. This is something I want to do, and I have discussed it with my family, employer, and others that will be affected by my participation.

I understand that Leadership Asheville ultimately reserves the right to make graduation decisions contingent upon fulfilling all program requirements. This includes, but is not limited to, attendance, team project assignments, readings, exercises, and out-of class activities.

If I am selected, I pledge to participate fully in and devote the time and resources required to complete LA 30. Upon graduation, I will commit my time, energy, and skills as an organizational volunteer for 2 years.

Applicant's Signature

Date