



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT LEADERSHIP (CEL) INITIATIVE

2024 CLASS APPLICATION- CEL 6

Deadline: February 29, 2024

Purpose: CEL's goal is to establish a pool of leaders for Gaston County. Participants develop a deeper understanding of community issues, engage with different aspects of Gaston County, and broaden their own self-awareness.

Name: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Employer: _____ Role: _____

And/ Or Volunteering: _____

City/ County of Residence: _____ Length of time living in: _____

Gender Identity: _____ Preferred Pronouns: _____

Age: 20+ _____ 30+ _____ 40+ _____ 50+ _____

Optional information to assist with Diversity and Inclusion:

I identify my ethnicity as: (Select all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Black/ African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/ Latinx | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer | <input type="checkbox"/> Bi Ethnic/ Bi Racial | <input type="checkbox"/> |

I understand the importance of my attendance at all class sessions. There is not an opportunity to "make up" any of the sessions.

Candidate's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ \$750 Fee Paid: _____

For the Candidate's Manager: (As necessary within the company/ organization)

I understand the importance of the candidate's attendance at all class sessions. As such I will make every effort to free them from their regular work responsibilities for the duration of the classes.

Manager's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Contact Information: _____

CEL APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you want to participate in the Civic Engagement Leadership initiative? What do you hope to gain from participating?

2. How have you been engaged in the community?

3. What other leadership/ engagement programs, or projects, have you participated in or are pursuing currently?

4. Is there anything else you would like the selection committee to consider?

Please send completed applications to Leslie Lee at llee@gastontgether.org.