

GFWC LEADS PROGRAM GENERAL INFORMATION ***(Leadership Education and Development Seminar)***

GFWC LEADS (Leadership Education and Development Seminar) is designed to identify GFWC members at the grassroots level who have the potential and desire to assume leadership positions in GFWC. LEADS provides participants with the capability, confidence and commitment to achieve higher office and serve with distinction.

- The LEADS Seminar is held annually in conjunction with the GFWC International Convention. It is a full day of activities, including breakfast and lunch.
- One attendee from each state federation participates in LEADS.
- GFWC covers a portion of the attendees' expenses, including:
 - Round-trip travel to and from the GFWC Convention city
 - One-half of hotel room charge for two nights
 - Breakfast and lunch during the LEADS program
 - Discounted Convention meal charges
- LEADS attendees are responsible for a portion of their expenses as an affirmation of their personal commitment (i.e. lodging, additional meals). Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangement

CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION IN LEADS:

Each GFWC of Massachusetts candidate for LEADS should:

- demonstrate leadership capabilities at the club level as an active club president, club officer or club project/committee chairman
- exhibit a commitment to our Federation and GFWC
- exhibit an understanding of the GFWC mission of community service, illustrated by programs/projects in which she is/has been involved
- demonstrate leadership skills, including but not limited to the following (to be described in narrative form): organized, responsible, trustworthy, enthusiastic, flexible
- exhibit an interest and willingness to pursue higher leadership positions in our Federation and GFWC
- agree to share information gained from participation in LEADS with others in her State Federation
- understand and accept potential expenses involved in participation
- not have attended a previous LEADS program (members are eligible to attend only once)

APPLICATION

Each candidate must complete the GFWC LEADS Participant Application Form.

SELECTION PROCESS

The GFWC of Massachusetts GFWC LEADS Selection Committee will make the final selection of the state representative and an alternate to the LEADS program.

TIMELINE:

- **FEBRUARY 1**
Deadline for submitting application to GFWC of Massachusetts
- **MARCH 1**
Deadline for GFWC of Massachusetts to submit completed LEADS participant profile to GFWC Headquarters
- **Mid-APRIL**
GFWC Headquarters sends official invitation and registration materials to LEADS participants
- **JUNE**
LEADS program convenes prior to GFWC Annual International Convention