The Concept

The Local Government Leadership Program is an educational partnership between New Mexico Counties, New Mexico Municipal League, New Mexico School Boards Association, and Leadership New Mexico. The program offers local government officials a unique educational experience to develop and enhance their leadership capacities and provide them with the knowledge necessary to undertake their civic responsibilities with a passion for effective and ethical public service.

The Program

The program consists of two 2-1/2 day program sessions. The curriculum is modeled after the Leadership New Mexico Core Program and offers an opportunity to explore critical issues facing New Mexico and participate in skill-building workshops. Topics for the program include:

- History and Demographics of New Mexico
- Economic Development
- Education
- Environment and Natural Resources
- Health and Human Services
- Crime and Justice
- Personal Leadership Skill-Building Workshops

Each session features speakers who are acknowledged leaders in their specific fields and allows participants the opportunity to engage in discussion with them. The program offers the opportunity for inquiry, analysis, and the development of solutions to the most pressing issues facing our communities and state.

Recruitment & Selection

The Local Government Leadership Program is open to all municipal and county officials, school board members, National Guard, and regional councils of governments. Special consideration will be given to ensure diversity of gender, race, geography, and sector.

Elective Credits

Attendance at both sessions is required to receive credit for the Level III Leadership Program through the New Mexico Municipal Leagues’ MOLI Program; elective credits towards the New Mexico Counties’ NM Edge County College (four elective credits toward the eighteen required classes for Certified Public Officials designation); or 3 credit hours in “Boardsmanship” toward the mandated school board training through the New Mexico School Board Association.

Tuition

Tuition for the Local Government Leadership Program is $500. The tuition includes all program costs, meals, and class-related field trip expenses. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to the session locations and hotel accommodations. A limited number of scholarships are available for those requiring financial assistance. A request for scholarship assistance does not affect selection into the program.

Session Dates
February 27-29, 2020 - Santa Fe
April 15-17, 2020 - Albuquerque

Application Deadline
December 18, 2019

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