



# the Vermont Leadership Series

## Application to Participate

Find your voice! Learn how to advocate for change.

Don't forget to read about upcoming deadlines by visiting the website:  
<http://ddc.vermont.gov/plan-and-projects/leadership-series>

### 1. Applicant Information

<b>First and Last Name</b>	
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Physical Address
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Mailing Address
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<b>Phone(s)</b>	
<b>Email</b>	

#### How do you identify yourself?

I have <input type="radio"/> a developmental disability.	
I am a <input type="radio"/> Parent/ <input type="radio"/> Sibling / <input type="radio"/> Child to a person with a developmental disability.	
<b>Other:</b>	

<b>I describe my/ his/ her disability as:</b>

#### Do you intend to bring a direct support provider? If so, who?

<b>First and Last Name</b>			
<b>Phone</b>		<b>Email</b>	

## 2. Application Questions

Please answer each question with as much detail as you can so that we can get to know you and why you want to participate in the Vermont Leadership Series. Be honest, creative, and tell us what you really think!

*Not enough space?* You may continue your answers on a separate piece of paper.

**Why are you interested in Leadership training?**

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**Tell us about a current or past challenge in your life and how you dealt with it?**

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**Describe a time where you spoke up for yourself or someone else.**

What worked well and what didn't?

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**The Governor awards you Leader of the Year for helping people with disabilities...**

**A) As *Leader of the Year* what are your dreams for your future?**

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**B) What are your dreams for your community?**

("Community" could mean your family or friends, or your town or state).

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**C) What are your dreams for the State of Vermont?**

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Please share anything else about you and your interest in the Leadership Series that the questions may have missed:

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### 3. References

Please list up to three (3) people (who are not family members) who can tell us about your accomplishments and why you should be chosen to participate.

*Leadership graduates make great references!*

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### 4. Other

**How did you hear about the Leadership Series?**

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- Check here** to confirm that you will commit to attending all three (3) weekend trainings (don't worry, you'll be notified of exact dates well ahead of time if you are selected).
- Check here** to show that you understand the information in the Leadership Packet, including that you will be participating in a group project (called an "Action Team").

**The fee for the Leadership Series is \$100.**

<input type="radio"/> I can pay the full fee.	<input type="radio"/> I can pay some of the fee, \$_____
<input type="radio"/> I'd like to talk with Leadership organizers about an alternative arrangement to the fee.	

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<b>Your Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

**Post-mail the completed and signed application to the organization that you would like to have nominate you for Leadership:**

*You may also email them a digital copy of your application to make sure you meet the deadline, but the original physical copy will still be required by post-mail.*

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**Thank you for your interest in Leadership!**



**Help is available to fill out the application.**

If you would like help or need an accommodation, you should contact GMSA at [1 \(802\) 229-2600](tel:18022292600) or VFN at [1 \(800\) 800-4005, x217](tel:18008004005x217). We are open to applications in a wide range of formats, including audio or video answers to the questions.

***Not sure who to send your application to? Questions? Concerns?***

You may also contact VTDDC by phone: [1 \(802\) 828-1310](tel:18028281310) or email: [vtddc@vermont.gov](mailto:vtddc@vermont.gov)