

What You Need to Know
About Applying to the
**LAZARUS LEADERSHIP
FELLOWS PROGRAM**



1. The Application has Four (4) Parts:

- Part I: Student Application
- Part II: Certification
- Part III: Teacher Reference (*Give copy of Lazarus program flyer to your teacher reference. This should be an academic teacher, not a coach.*)
- Part IV: Community Reference (*Give copy of attached Lazarus program flyer to your community reference. This should be an adult community member who has worked with you on a project, not someone who is simply a family friend or relative. This could be a coach.*)

Please print and sign your name on the reference forms and give them and a copy of the Lazarus program flyer to your teacher reference and your community reference.

Please ask each reference to mail or deliver the form directly to Bruce Adams.

2. Please read the instructions thoroughly.

3. Deadline: **ALL** parts of the application must be **received** by 5 p.m. on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

Parts I, II, III, and IV may be mailed or delivered to:

Bruce Adams
Lazarus Leadership Fellows Program
7211 Exeter Road
Bethesda, MD 20814

4. Questions

- When in doubt, ask Bruce Adams -- preferably by email
- Email: bruce@greaterwash.org
- Phone: 240-855-8727

*Lazarus Leadership Fellows Program is a program of Leaders Institute.
www.leadersinstitute.org*

Part I: STUDENT APPLICATION

*Please provide the following information. You may mail or deliver the application to the address below. Make sure your name and the page number are on each page. Please type or use a pen. Please do not use pencil. Remember that the completed application must be **received** by 5 p.m. Sunday, January 8, 2023.*

Section A: General Information

Full Name (first, middle, last):

Preferred first name or nickname, if different from above:

Date of birth:

Gender identity:

Home address:

Home telephone number:

Cell phone:

Email address:

School and grade:

Cumulative GPA, weighted (W) as of December 2022:

Cumulative GPA, un-weighted (U) as of December 2022:

Names of parent(s)/guardian(s):

Home address (if different from above):

Parent/Guardian email address:

Parent/Guardian cell phone:

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Parent/Guardian cell phone:

Ethnic/Racial Background (optional*). Please check one or more to describe your background:

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> African-American | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> Black Latino |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> Continental African | <input type="checkbox"/> Latino/Hispanic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American /Alaskan | <input type="checkbox"/> White/Non-Hispanic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | <input type="checkbox"/> Native | |

* The Lazarus Leadership Program seeks a diverse class representative of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School community.

Please type or use a pen. Please do not use a pencil.

Section B: Supporting Information

Academic: List your **five favorite high school courses** in order of their importance to you AND briefly tell us why each is important to you. Indicate level – e.g., Honors, AP, IB.

Extracurricular: List your extracurricular activities and any leadership positions you have held (include approximate start and end dates). Please list in order of importance to you and explain why.

Volunteer: List community service and volunteer activities and any leadership positions you have held (include approximate start and end dates). Please list in order of importance to you and explain why.

Honors and Awards: List any honors or awards you have received in order of their importance to you.

Jobs: List any jobs or internships you have had in order of their importance to you, including dates of employment, the name and address of your employer, and contact information for your supervisor. Describe the work you performed and whether it was paid or an unpaid internship.

Other (optional): You may include any additional information you would like to share with the selection committee. No more than one page.

Section C: Essay

Two-Part Essay: Each part should be no more than 500 words.

1. In the first part of your essay, describe your reasons for applying to the Lazarus Leadership Fellows Program and explain what you hope to get out of the program. Please also describe a situation where you have provided leadership or watched leadership first-hand and what you learned from it.
2. In the second part of your essay, identify a community problem or issue that exists in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase area or the metropolitan Washington region and explain why this problem or issue is important enough for you to spend 200 hours of your summer working on it. Please describe how your summer community service project will address the problem or issue.
3. Give each part an appropriate title.

The essay portion of the application weighs heavily in the decision-making process.

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## Part II: CERTIFICATION

### Applicant's Certification

By signing below I certify that:

- Every answer given on my application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- I am a student in 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade who either: (1) attends a high school in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase area or (2) lives in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase area.
- I have attended an information session on the Lazarus Leadership Fellows Program or I have read the brochure and other materials and fully understand the expectations and rigors of the program.
- I have read the application instructions thoroughly.
- I understand that, if accepted, I am expected to participate in every seminar, summer meeting, and activity.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Full Name (first, middle, last)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Parent/Guardian Certification

By signing below I certify that:

- If accepted, my child has permission to participate in all of the activities of the Lazarus Leadership Fellows Program.
- I have read the brochure and/or other materials and fully understand the expectations and rigors of the program.
- I grant permission for my child to appear in person and in voice, video, or photographic presentation for internet, print, radio, or television reports resulting from participation in the program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Parent/Guardian Full Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

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***The entire application, including this agreement signed by both the Applicant and a Parent or Guardian, must be received by the Lazarus program no later than 5 p.m. on Sunday, January 8, 2023.***

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### Part III: TEACHER REFERENCE

*Section A must be completed by the Applicant.  
Give a copy of the Lazarus program flyer to your teacher reference.*

**Section A**

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section B**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position at the School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class(es) you have taught the applicant**

\_\_\_\_\_

*Based on your personal knowledge, please rank the applicant on the following criteria*

|                         | Excellent | Good | Average | Fair | Poor |
|-------------------------|-----------|------|---------|------|------|
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**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Section C**

**Please attach a statement of 250 words or less telling us why you would or would not recommend the applicant for the Lazarus Leadership Fellows Program.**

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# PROGRAM

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## IV. COMMUNITY REFERENCE

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
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Relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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