



new orleans regional leadership institute

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## **New Orleans Regional Leadership Institute Now Accepting Applications for 2018 Class**

*Regional Program Spanning Ten-Parishes Brings Together Business, Civic and Public Sector Leaders*

**New Orleans, LA (March 16, 2017)** – Interested in a premier leadership program that fosters connections across the ten-parish region? The [New Orleans Regional Leadership Institute](#) (NORLI) is now accepting applications for its 2018 class. NORLI is open to all business, civic and public-sector leaders in the ten-parish region – Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and Washington parishes. Deadline to [apply online](#) is Monday, May 15, 2017.

Each year, NORLI brings together a class of forty business, civic, and community leaders representing all races, genders, industries and communities with a mission to promote regional collaboration. The program provides a forum for the exchange of diverse viewpoints and is designed to enhance personal leadership skills by examining issues central to the advancement of the entire ten-parish region.

According to Christe Brewton, chairwoman of NORLI, "NORLI raises awareness for community issues, affecting positive change in current and future leaders. I look forward to the connections participants will make in the upcoming year and adding another class of civically engaged leaders to our growing network of alumni."

A nine-month program spanning from September to May, NORLI consists of two overnight retreats and seven full-day sessions. The program curriculum examines public policy, education, healthcare, workforce development, diversity, criminal justice, public safety, environment and sustainability and focuses on how these issues affect economic development and quality of life.

### **How to Apply**

Leaders from across the ten-parish region may [submit an online application](#) detailing their employment information and community involvement along with two letters of recommendation. A \$35 non-refundable application fee is due upon submission of the application.

If accepted into the 2018 NORLI class, tuition is a non-refundable fee of \$2,750, which covers all program costs and materials, including meals, as well as all the expenses associated with the retreats. A limited supply of scholarships are available on an as needed basis. For more information, [click here](#).

NORLI will be hosting a series informational sessions about the program and how to apply. Program alumni and current program participants will be on hand to discuss the benefits of the program and answer applicants' questions. The schedule of informational sessions is as follows:

**Thursday, April 6 from 5 PM – 6 PM**  
Metairie Bank (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Board Room)  
3344 Metairie Road  
Metairie, LA 70001

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**Thursday, April 13 from 5 PM – 6 PM**

St Bernard Port Harbor and Terminal District (Second Floor, Suite 10, Chamber of Commerce Board Room)  
100 Port Blvd  
Chalmette, LA 70043

**Monday, April 17 from 8 AM – 9 AM**

Volunteers of America Greater New Orleans  
4152 Canal Street  
New Orleans, LA 70119

**Thursday, April 20 from 5 PM – 6 PM**

Gambel Communications  
111 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 205  
Mandeville, LA 70448

**Monday, April 24 from 5 PM – 6 PM**

Louisiana Federal Credit Union Training Center  
406 E. Airline Hwy  
LaPlace, LA 70068

All NORLI informational sessions are free and open to the public; space is limited, so advance registration is highly recommended. To register, email [info@caulfieldconsulting.com](mailto:info@caulfieldconsulting.com).

**Benefits of NORLI**

Participating in NORLI creates benefits for not only the individual participant, but employers and the greater community as well.

For the participant, NORLI creates opportunities to connect with influential leaders and provides experience in group dynamics, team leadership, presentation skills, ethics, decision-making, and critical and creative thinking. Over the course of the nine-month program, participants grow as individuals by gaining a better understanding of the many facets of their community, learning cutting-edge leadership skills, and enhancing their business relationships. Most importantly, NORLI builds confidence and motivation for participants to become actively involved in promoting positive change for the entire ten-parish region.

For the employer, NORLI develops increased organizational, leadership, and problem-solving skills in the employee participant. Additionally, it gives employees a unique perspective on how to become involved in the community by offering new insights, helping identify where strategic alliances might be forged.

For the community, NORLI helps develop committed, knowledgeable, and action-oriented individuals to serve as catalysts in promoting positive change. The program also encourages creative partnerships and initiatives between the public and private sectors.

For more information about NORLI, please visit [norli.org](http://norli.org), contact Nicole P. Woolfolk at 504.527.6922 or [npalmer@norli.org](mailto:npalmer@norli.org) or connect with NORLI on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/norli).

***About the New Orleans Regional Leadership Institute***

*The mission of the New Orleans Regional Leadership Institute (NORLI) is to help promote regionalism. NORLI provides current and emerging leaders with a more thorough understanding of issues and an enhanced ability to collaborate for the greater good of the community. The institute selects a diverse group of leaders to participate in a thought-provoking, nine-month educational program. Participants experience a variety of statewide issues presented through lectures, on-site visits, readings, discussion groups, simulations, and other leadership development activities. For more information, please visit [norli.org](http://norli.org).*

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