



WASHINGTON'S CIRCLE

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in Washington's Circle – Executive Leadership Program at the George Washington Leadership Institute. Washington's Circle is a transformative yearlong executive leadership program that brings together a selective cohort of just 24 distinguished leaders. Anchored in George Washington's timeless leadership principles and modeled after his trusted circle of advisors, this select program is designed for leaders committed to elevating their leadership impact.

To apply, please provide your information and submit all required materials listed below.

Application components:

- ❖ Applicant Information
- ❖ Essay Responses
- ❖ Resume
- ❖ One reference letter

Our early bird deadline is March 15, 2026. Applicants who submit their application by this date will be contacted on or before April 15. All applications must be submitted by the final deadline of June 15, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact leadership@mountvernon.org. We look forward to reviewing your application.

Application for the 2026 Washington's Circle Executive Leadership Program

Applicant Information

Full Name:

Preferred Name:

Title:

Company/Organization:

Mailing Address:

Mobile Phone:

Email Address:

Number of years at your current company:

Essay Questions

1. **Your Leadership Journey:** What experiences have most shaped you as a leader? Reflect on the moments, relationships, or challenges that have defined your leadership philosophy and approach. As you consider this next chapter in your leadership development, what draws you to Washington's Circle at this particular point in your career? **(300-500 words)**

2. **What perspectives or experiences would you bring to the Executive Leadership Program cohort? (50-100 words)**

3. **What are you hoping to gain from the Executive Leadership Program? (50-100 words)**

Time Commitment

By submitting this application, you acknowledge the time commitment required to participate in Washington's Circle. The program includes quarterly in-person modules held at George Washington's Presidential Library at Mount Vernon, as well as periodic virtual collaboration sessions from September 2026 through June 2027.

Four Quarterly Modules:

Module 1 | **September 21-23, 2026** – Character-Driven Leadership

Module 2 | **November 9-11, 2026** – Communication and Conflict Resolution

Module 3 | **February TBD 2027** – Collaboration and Team Excellence

Module 4 | **June TBD 2027** – Strategic Decision-Making: From Deliberation to Action

Additional information and the schedule will be provided following acceptance into the program.

☐ *I understand and agree to fully participate in all in-person modules from September 2026 to June 2027 as part of Washington's Circle Executive Leadership Program.*

Please submit the completed form and all required components to
leadership@mountvernon.org