



# WESTSTAR APPLICATION

Please print and limit answers to the space provided. Successful applicants are involved in their communities and have demonstrated leadership or potential for leadership in West Tennessee. Be sure your application identifies these characteristics in order that the selection committee can give your application full consideration.

## 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last name	First	Middle	Preferred First Name		
Home address		City	Zip	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Employer (if applicable)				Position/Title	
Employment address		City	Zip	Work Phone	
FAX number: _____		Birthday Month: _____		Birthday Date _____ (do not include year)	
e-mail address: _____ Where do you want us to send your mail? (circle one):					
Home Employment					

## 2. PARTICIPATION

In order to accomplish our objectives, full participation by each individual selected is necessary. Read the "Participation and Commitment" section of the enclosed *Applicant Information Sheet* and then check one of the following boxes:

I will attend orientation, graduation, and all program sessions?                      Yes                      No  
(Attendance will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees and may jeopardize graduation from WestStar.)

I have the acknowledgment of my employer for the time required to participate in WestStar?                      Yes                      No                      Not applicable

Have you graduated from your county leadership program?                      Yes                      No  
(Graduation from a local county leadership program prior to participation in WestStar is not a pre-requisite for acceptance, but it is strongly encouraged and receives significant consideration by the Board when making selection decisions.)

The Board of Trustees encourages up to **two** reference in support of your application. Enclosed are the reference forms we prefer completed for your application. Request your references to address specific community and/or regional leadership abilities or achievements they have observed about you. Please identify the names of your references so we can assure when your application is complete.

(Reference)	(Reference)
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## 3. TUITION

Tuition for WestStar is \$650. I understand if I am selected to participate, tuition is to be paid by me or a sponsor prior to the start of the program and that I am responsible for paying lodging and transportation costs for each session when applicable.

Signature of Applicant	Date of Application
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**4. ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

Please list in order of importance to you five community, political, professional, civic, business, religious, social, or other organizations in which you have provided leadership.

Activity/Organization	Dates	Responsibilities and/or Title of Positions Held

Please explain what you consider to be your most important accomplishments in one or more of the above organizations:

**5. HONORS AND AWARDS**

Please include title and brief description of honors and recognitions you've received:

**6. EDUCATION**

Please identify your formal educational background, training and continuing education experiences. (i.e., institutions attended, degrees earned)

Degree	Major	Year	Institution

Other Educational Experiences:

**7. EXPECTATIONS**

What do you believe you can gain from participating in WestStar? (Please limit answer to space below.)

What do you believe you can contribute to the WestStar mission? (Please limit your answer to space below.)

## 8. REGIONAL ANALYSIS

How long have you lived or worked in West Tennessee? \_\_\_\_\_ years

Identify a particular challenge, issue, or problem you feel is critical to West Tennessee.  
(Limit your answer to space below)

## 9. MEDIA PREFERENCE

Various items about WestStar participants are sent to local news media. Please provide the names and addresses of the local newspaper, radio, and/or TV station you would like us to contact.

Media	Contact Name <small>(if known)</small>	Address	City	Zip

SEND APPLICATION AND REFERENCES TO:

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