



LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY

Information for Parents

Completing the Leadership Academy is a direct investment in the future. It will open up countless opportunities and position your student for wonderful opportunities—at Georgia College & State University and beyond.

Your student will have access to a nationwide network of engaged program alumni and will enjoy special access to select events, visiting VIPs, and networking opportunities. Graduating from the Leadership Academy will also prequalify your student for admission to the Leadership Certificate Program and the Georgia Education Mentorship Program. In the Leadership Academy, your student will enjoy the mentorship of expert faculty and trained consultants and facilitators.

Next Steps

To register, encourage your student to visit leadcreatively.org. From there, you can:

- ▶ Begin registration.
- ▶ Apply for scholarships.
- ▶ Join us at an event.
- ▶ Get more information.
- ▶ Schedule a conversation.
- ▶ See how our graduates are changing the world.

Affordability and Value

The Leadership Academy offers strong value for students, with a total program fee of only \$195. The State of Georgia has allocated funds to keep the program affordable for our students, and our donors provide one-third of our annual budget, as well as generous scholarships.

There are no ongoing costs associated with the Leadership Academy, and the program fee provides for all program expenses, including travel, conference registrations, meals, and materials.

Additionally, your student will receive:

✓	CliftonStrengths for Students assessment, interpreted by Gallup® Certified Strengths Coach.
✓	Personalized comprehensive leadership profile and regular one-on-one consulting.
✓	Customized leadership-development plan and learning experiences based on your leadership profile.
✓	Leadership Academy t-shirt and other GCSU spirit wear.
✓	Exclusive access to leadership luncheons and dinners with distinguished guests .
✓	Signature retreats, travel, conferences, and site visits across Georgia.
✓	Exclusive access to online leadership-development toolkit and resources.

+ Thanks to our generous alumni and donors, the Leadership Academy offers up to **twenty fully funded scholarships each year**.

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PROGRAM FEE

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DONORS
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Georgia College & State University is among the most selective universities in the region, recognized nationally as a “Best Value College” by *Kiplinger* and a top regional university in the south by *U.S. News & World Report*. GCSU is one of only two public colleges in Georgia categorized as a “College of Distinction” and is one of only three selective institutions of the University System of Georgia.

Supporting Your Student

As with everything awaiting your student in the coming months, you'll want to strike a balance of offering support and encouraging independence. We recommend asking your student about milestones in the Leadership Academy and checking in periodically about how things are going.

- ▶ Which pathway did you choose?
- ▶ Did you enjoy your first leadership-development consultation? What did you learn?
- ▶ Who have you met through the Leadership Academy?

Additionally, many of our events are free and open to the public, including our **Usery Forum on Leadership** and **Inspire! Series**, always scheduled in the evenings. If you would like to join your student on campus, a forum, followed by dinner together, can be a wonderful opportunity.

Give

Our students rely on the generosity of donors, organizations, and foundations to support our programs. Your gifts will help sustain teaching, student scholarship, research, and public service. One-time gifts, pledges, and corporate matching gifts, you and your family can leave your mark at Georgia College & State University. To learn more, please visit leadcreatively.org.

A Brief Note Regarding FERPA


GCSU and the Leadership Academy comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (often referred to as FERPA or the Buckley Amendment). FERPA is a federal law that affords students certain rights regarding access and release of their education records. For further information regarding FERPA, please consult the Office of the Registrar.

Connect with Us

We have good material to support your leadership journey as well. Connect with us online and personalized leadership content, as well as regular updates about our activities and opportunities, including our Usery Forum on Leadership.

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