



Designed for young professionals, the Emerging Leaders program offers the opportunity to strengthen your personal, professional and civic leadership skills, gain a deeper understanding of the inner workings of the St. Louis region and build connections with a diverse network of peers.

Since its launch in 2012, the program has trained more than 600 St. Louis area young professionals. Emerging Leaders is a great springboard to applying for other FOCUS leadership programs and pursuing leadership positions in your career and the community.

Who Should Apply

If you're a young professional who wants to gain a better understanding of yourself as a leader, of the St. Louis region, and how you can get involved to make our community stronger, you may be a great fit for Emerging Leaders.

Like all FOCUS programs, Emerging Leaders welcomes applicants from all backgrounds and sectors. Classes are selected to represent the diversity of the St. Louis region.

Graduates leave the program with an increased sense of engagement in the region, as well as the tools to take an active role as the next generation of St. Louis civic and professional leaders. You'll also become part of the network of more than 10,000 FOCUS program alumni.

"Emerging Leaders linked me to incredible people that I may have never met without FOCUS. It empowered me to be the best version of myself."

Krysti Baker

WHAT TO EXPECT

Curriculum

While content is continually updated to meet the needs of each class, the curriculum typically covers the following topics:

- Understanding Self and Leadership
- Civic-minded Leadership
- Values-based Leadership
- Finding Your WHY as a Leader
- Understanding Diversity, Equity & Inclusion as a Leader

Along the way, you'll have the opportunity to explore your leadership style, examine regional issues from different perspectives, strengthen your communication skills, and build lasting connections with other leaders.

Sessions include a mix of speakers, interviews with regional leaders, small-group discussion, interactive exercises and reflection activities.

For the Fall 2022 cohort, the program will be adapted as needed for social distancing.

Commitment

The three-month program is offered each spring and fall and includes:

- An opening reception to meet your classmates
- Two-day retreat
- Seminar days, held on Mondays and Thursdays
- Civic Action Project (small-group learning experience)
- FOCUS Now graduation/networking event

“This program helped me to gain a better understanding of myself as a leader, understand the city I live in, and most importantly, figure out how I can get more involved to make our city stronger and better.”

- Cheryl Tao



Application Process

Applications for the Emerging Leaders program can be found online at www.focus-stl.org.

The application deadline for our Fall 2022 class is Monday, June 13, 2022.

Program Cost

The tuition for the Emerging Leaders program is \$895 and includes a complimentary FOCUS St. Louis membership during your time in the program.

Tuition is often covered in part or full by the participant's employer. Partial scholarship assistance is available to those with demonstrated financial need.

Host a Civic Action Project

Civic Action Projects (CAP) are a key element of our Emerging Leaders curriculum, providing participants with the opportunity to work directly with community partners to address challenges facing our region and apply the leadership skills they're developing in the program. We are always looking for civic/community organizations to host Civic Action Projects. Visit www.focus-stl.org/EmergingLeaders to learn more.

About FOCUS St. Louis

FOCUS is the region's premier leadership development organization. FOCUS prepares a diverse base of leaders to work cooperatively for a thriving St. Louis region through our experience-based leadership training, civic issue education and public engagement initiatives.

FOCUS offers a continuum of programs to engage leaders at every stage of their journey, from high school students to senior executives. More than 10,000 individuals have completed our programs, and FOCUS alumni and members are leaders who make a difference.

FALL 2022 PROGRAM DATES

Monday, June 13	Application Deadline
Tuesday, June 21	Selection Day
Tuesday, Aug. 2	Mix & Mingle 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 16	Opening Retreat 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 17	Opening Retreat 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 3	Seminar Day 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 20	Seminar Day 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 9	Seminar Day 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 17	Seminar Day 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 18	CAP Presentations 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 28	Seminar Day 1:00-5:00 p.m.
May 2023	FOCUS Now Graduation

Thank You to Our Emerging Leaders Supporters!



For More Information

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