

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

TACL membership is one of the best values for leadership program directors, board, alumni and service businesses/corporations with common goals. We are <u>continually developing resources</u> to benefit our members and the communities they serve. The success of all of our programs means a stronger leadership base not only for our communities, but a strong leadership base for Tennessee

LEADERSHIP PRGRAMS:

- Directory of Tennessee Leadership Programs Annual publication free to members.
 This directory is a wealth of information at your fingertips. Peers you can contact to get information, share forms/templates, agendas, solve problems and many other formats of sharing information. Directories are distributed at the TACL Conference to dues paying members or mailed to those not present.
- Leadership Program Funding Leadership programs can apply for funding (up to \$500 with a one to two match) to help with program development. This is a great resource when communities have challenges raising funds to broaden their program.
- Regional TACL Workshop Each grand division of the state has representatives on our TACL Board. Representatives from East, Middle and West sponsor two Regional TACL workshops to help you develop a network in your part of the State. We hope you will attend when you get your invitation. They have great speakers and the peer-to-peer idea sharing can infuse new ideas into your own program.
- Statewide Zoom Educational & Peer Discussion Sessions Topics relevant to leadership programs that help navigate the "new normal" due to the COVID-19 era and other identified topics for growth and development of community leadership.
- Peer-to-Peer Assistance Members of our TACL Board are available and willing to
 travel to your city to help with creating a leadership program, provide advice and help to
 renew a program, provide organization for creating an alumni association. Just contact
 our Board President or Executive Director and he/she will help get the best person for the
 requested assistance. Board member information is on our website,
 www.leadershiptennessee.com.
- "Best Practices" Quarterly newsletter that shares successful elements that work to make leadership programs effective.
- Conference Scholarships Scholarships are available for programs that have small budgets. Two scholarships are available in each grand division (forms on our website). Each is a \$350 Scholarship to help cover not only the Registration Fee but also help with two nights' hotel accommodations. A great benefit of membership for six people across the state working with leadership programs.

TACL – Benefits of Membership

- Annual TACL Conference Our TACL Conference, which rotates the host region across the grand divisions of the State each year. That means the conference will be in your backyard every third year. Benefits of attending the Conference whether virtual or in-person include:
 - o Speakers sharing **best practices** that you can incorporate into your program to enhance the curriculum.
 - o Develop a **network of relationships** with other program directors/board/alumni which you can call when you have a question.
 - o **Develop a list** of potential speakers/hands-on activities/program topics/fundraising ideas/alumni program ideas and retention tips, etc.
 - o **When you bring Board members** with you it increases their buy-in of your leadership program and they work even harder and sell the program to others in your community.
 - o The TACL Board also provides an opportunity to recognize an alumnus in your community that has been a strong supporter of your program, as well as a servant leader in your community by nominating them for the TACL Servant Leadership Award.
 - o One of our peers is recognized as the **TN Leadership Educator of the Year** at the Conference.
 - o One Outstanding Leadership Program is recognized and receives an award at each Conference.
- Results of **Statewide Survey of Leadership Programs** with detailed information about each program to determine trends, averages, new ideas.

TACL has been focused on helping leadership programs grow and be successful since the organization was created by leadership program directors across the state in 1997. For information and forms mentioned above, visit our website, www.leadershiptennessee.com.