

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
MINISTERS' WIVES AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS, INC.

# Leadership Academy



## THE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY Application Deadline Extended

In his book, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, Stephen Covey reminds us that effective people are always “Sharpening the Saw”. In reference to that process, it is noted that, “*Your life is a constant growth and improvement process. No one will become perfect on the first try, so the idea of habit is reinforced here. It must be practiced on and improved again and again until you become a highly effective person!*”

The Leadership Academy of the International Association of Ministers’ Wives and Ministers’ Widows is the vehicle by which each member of this organization may seek to “sharpen [her] saw”. Whether you are presently in a leadership position, planning to become a leader, or desirous of being a good follower, ***EVERY MEMBER*** is invited and even encouraged to apply to attend ***The Leadership Academy***. Due to changes in our usual schedules brought on by adjustments necessitated by the pandemic, **the deadline for submitting the application is extended to March 15, 2021.**

An application is being provided in this issue of the Herald, as well as a fillable application is available online at [www.iamwmw.org](http://www.iamwmw.org) under the Resources Tab, which may reduce the time involved in completing the application. Once completed, please save the application to your file and then submit it as an attachment to [iamwmwacademy@gmail.com](mailto:iamwmwacademy@gmail.com), the email address listed on the application. If you have the capability, please sign the application, scan, and then email the completed form.

A Word to **present and future LEADERS**: “*And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.*” Exodus 18:20

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President Emeritus<sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>  
Director of Academy

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## APPLICATION

### Personal Information

Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### About You

Local Organization Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

State Organization Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Positions Held:  
Community:

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Ministers' Wives Organization:

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## Essay

Please write a cogent essay response to the following:

1. Define leadership. Why leadership is important? When is leadership most productive?
2. What is the most challenging aspect of being a leader? What is the most rewarding?
3. Have you had a decision challenged? How did you respond?
4. Discuss an experience in your life that demonstrates your character or helped to mold it.
5. Identify 5 personal qualities that you deem most important in a leader. Select One. Describe a situation you have faced as a leader that required you to demonstrate that quality.

## Reference

Please ask three (3) persons, one of which should be your state president, to submit a letter of reference for you to Dr. Vickie McCreary, Director of Admissions, at [iamwmwacademy@gmail.com](mailto:iamwmwacademy@gmail.com).

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed application electronically by **MARCH 15** to [iamwmwacademy@gmail.com](mailto:iamwmwacademy@gmail.com).



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