LEADS: Leadership – Education – and – Development – Seminar

The seminar is held annually in conjunction with the GFWC International Convention. One attendee from each State Federation will attend. The purpose is to encourage and train club members to accept leadership opportunities at all levels of Federation.
GFWC covers a portion of the attendees' expenses, including:
Round-trip travel to and from the GFWC Convention city*
One-half of room charge for two nights at official Convention hotel*
Breakfast and lunch during the LEADS program
Discounted Convention meal charges
CFWC will cover registration and additionally underwrite a portion of the Attendees' portion of expenses. **SGVD** budgets towards expenses for the LEADS candidate to attend the CFWC February State Board meeting.

Criteria for Application for LEADS:

1. Demonstrates leadership capabilities at the club level as an active Officer or chairperson.
2. Exhibits a commitment to Federation.
3. Exhibits an understanding of the GFWC mission of community service, illustrated by programs/projects in which she has been involved.
4. Demonstrates leadership skills, including but not limited to the following (describe these in the narrative form) organized, responsible, trustworthy, enthusiastic, and flexible.
5. Exhibits an interest and willingness to pursue higher leadership positions in Federation.
6. Agrees to share information gained from participating in LEADS with others in our State.
7. Understands and accepts potential expenses involved in participation.
8. Has **not** held elected positions at or beyond the State level.
9. Has **not** attended a previous LEADS program.

This District will select one candidate and submit the application to State. The State will choose one (1) candidate to attend the LEADS seminar at the GFWC Annual International Convention. If selected by our District, you will be invited to attend a mini seminar provided by our State (CFWC) Federation at the February State Board meeting. Your attendance is encouraged.
Deadline: All Applications due by November 13, 2026 (District Board Meeting). Submit APPLICATION FORM, six (6) copies, along with club letter of support, plus two (2) letters of support from active GFWC members. DO NOT SUBMIT THE APPLICATION TO ANYONE AT STATE FEDERTION (as directed). Only submit to SGVD LEADS Chairperson who will send the appropriate application to STATE. The LEADS application form is available on the GFWC website – **gfwc.org/LEADS**. Information is also available in the GFWC Club Manual. LEADS application is also in SGVD Yearbook.
DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CHAIRPERSON
Chairwoman: Martha Rodriguez -La Puente Valley Woman's Club

LEADS Application Form

Name_____

Address_____

Phone _(___)_____Email _____

Club_____

District_____

ABOVE INFORMATION WILL BE CONCEALED DURING JUDGING PROCESS.

List all local club offices and/or chairmanships held

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List all District offices and/or chairmanships held

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List GFWC club/district programs/projects in which involved

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List positions at district/state/national level in which you are interested

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ARE YOU WILLING TO:

Defray costs to attend GFWC LEADS not covered by GFWC or state?

Yes ___No ___

Return to the state and share what you have learned at LEADS?

Yes ___No ___

RETURN 6 COPIES OF THIS FORM, ALONG WITH THE CLUB LETTER OF SUPPORT AND TWO (2) LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM ACTIVE GFWC CLUB MEMBERS TO:

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CHAIRPERSON – Martha Rodriguez – La Puente Valley Woman's Club

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