The Next Generation Leadership Institute is a professionally designed comprehensive program of the National Conservation Foundation with a mission to empower conservation district leaders to become national leaders of tomorrow through personal, civic and organizational leadership development in order to meet the future needs of natural resources management. The purpose is to train individuals to rise to the challenge of understanding and directing national, collaborative efforts in locally-led conservation.

The audience members for the program are appointed or elected conservation district leaders serving in the United States or its territories.

The application process is competitive and requires several components:

- Fully completed online application submitted before deadline of 11:59 PM ET on Sept. 30, 2022
- Letter of support from state or territory association
- Letter of support from the individual's conservation district
- $50 application fee

Applications received on time will be reviewed and ranked by a selection committee. The goal is that one applicant from each of the seven NACD regions will be offered acceptance into the program. Stronger applications will be given preference over location.

Acceptance is contingent upon the participant's commitment to:

- Submission of signed commitment form with signatures of participant, employer (if applicable) and spouse (if applicable).
- Payment of $1,200 program tuition (total program value of over $10,000). Tuition covers participant cost of most travel expenses, materials and instruction. Detailed financial information will be provided in the commitment form. Installation payments can be arranged as needed.
- Commitment to full presence and participation at all sessions.
- Commitment to behavior and performance expectations.

During the sessions, participants will:

- Not be accompanied by spouses, children or others
- Agree to allow NGLI staff to arrange hotel reservations, transportation for session activities, meals and program planning.
- Provide instructions on dietary restrictions.

For questions on the terms of the program, please contact:

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