



njea **Teacher Leader Academy** Candidate Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Employer: _____

Current Position: _____

Are you currently an active member of NJEA? Yes No

Proof of Certification

Please provide a copy of your teaching certificate(s). If you do not have one, you can download a PDF at https://www20.state.nj.us/DOE_TCIS_ASC/pages/appStatusSearch.jsp

Letters of Recommendation

In the space below, please include the names and email addresses of two colleagues who can act as references for your application to the NJEA Teacher Leader Academy. While not required, it is recommended that one of the references include someone with experience in your local association. The references should be able to respond to questions about your leadership ability and experience as well as your fitness to prepare for the teacher leader endorsement. You may also include a third reference who is not a colleague but is someone who can attest to your leadership skills.

Name _____ Email Address: _____

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Reflections on Teacher Leadership:

Please respond to the following questions in the space provided:

1. One of the major responsibilities of teacher leaders is to build the capacity of their colleagues. In that spirit, the NJEA Teacher Leader Academy will depend largely on peer-learning and the self-organizing potential of its participants. With that in mind, and using personal experience, explain what makes you a particularly good candidate for this program? (250 word maximum)



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2. Discuss your understanding of teacher leadership in connection with some or all of the following terms.
(500 word maximum)

- Accountability
- Assessment
- Community
- Professional Learning
- Administration
- Colleagues
- Equity & Social Justice
- Teaching & Learning
- Advocacy
- Collaboration
- Organizing
- Unions



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3. Statute requires that Teacher Leader Programs of Study be based on the Teacher Leader Model Standards. Review the standards and consider your practice. What do you consider your strengths in 1 or 2 of the areas? Where do you have opportunities to grow? How do you know?
(500 word maximum)

Thank you for your thoughtful responses to this application. The second part of the application process will be a personal interview. We will contact you to schedule this interview.

Please come prepared to discuss:

- Your experience reflecting on teacher leadership through this application
- Your education and work experiences that you believe are relevant to teacher leadership
- Your initial thoughts about the clinical experience (field work)
- Your vision of how the teacher leader endorsement will impact your work in the future

Please return this completed document and a PDF of your instructional certificate to: **teacherleader@njea.org**

The NJEA Teacher Leader Academy admits candidates of any race, color, creed, national origin, ethnic origin, disability, marital status, domestic partnership status, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the NJEA Teacher Leader Academy. It doesn't discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, ethnic origin, disability, marital status, domestic partnership status, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, or scholarship programs.