



Applicant Instructions

Thank you for your interest in the NJEA Teacher Leader Academy. We are excited to begin with our first cohort in January 2020.

The NJEA Teacher Leader Academy is intended to be a robust experience, where teachers will actively expand their skills, taking responsibility for their learning, as well as the learning of others, while they hone their skills to become effective teacher leaders in their schools.

We anticipate a large number of applicants in this initial year. We have room for only 35 candidates, so it is important that you complete the application process carefully and completely.

If you are using an Apple Mac, you may need to download Adobe Acrobat reader to open the application. This is a free download.

Applications are due by October 31, 2019. The following materials will need to be completed and returned to teacherleader@njea.org by that date.

- NJEA Teacher Leader Academy Application
- PDF of Certification (See directions on the application)
- Two professional references (included on application form)
- Professional resume

Once these are received, we will contact you to schedule an interview and send you a statement of assurance to be completed by your school district. Bring the statement of assurance with you to your interview. (State regulations require that you have four years of teaching experience and two effective or highly effective summative ratings in the three years prior to applying for the endorsement. NJEA TLA requires these prior to entering the program).

Teacher Leader Programs of Study are required to be aligned with the Teacher Leader Model Standards. It will be helpful to review the standards prior to completing your application. The full document on the standards can be found at

https://www.ets.org/s/education_topics/teaching_quality/pdf/teacher_leader_model_standards.pdf.

The program will run through December 2020, consisting of full cohort meetings in Trenton, one or two times a month and regional study groups meeting 2-3 times a month. Meetings will be held in the evening with occasional Saturday meetings (approximately one Saturday a month).

NJEA member tuition for the first year will be \$5,000. Since NJEA is subsidizing a considerable amount of the cost in this first year, tuition for NJEA non-members will be \$13,500. An initial deposit of \$1000 will be required thirty (30) days prior to the program. Four additional payments will be required, one at the beginning of each of four instructional modules. A payment schedule will be sent upon acceptance into the program.

If you have specific questions, please email them to teacherleader@njea.org.