

**Bernstein Leadership Group
Class XI 2017-2018
Confidential Application**



Jewish Federation
OF GREATER CHARLOTTE

Application Deadline: March 31, 2017

The Bernstein Leadership Group (BLG) is an introductory leadership development program, the goals of which are to strengthen and enhance participants' knowledge of and commitment to:

1. Jewish Identity
2. Leadership Development
3. Community

CRITERIA

The Bernstein Leadership Group and the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte seek young adults (ages 25-45) from the Greater Charlotte area:

- Who have demonstrated a potential for leadership and a sincere commitment, motivation and interest to serve the Charlotte Jewish community.
- Who are interested in developing an understanding of the Charlotte Jewish community and its agencies, the importance of philanthropy and the leadership skills to be tomorrow's communal leaders.
- Who are willing to commit the time and energy required to complete an 18-month program including participation at monthly sessions, observing agency board or committee meetings, and attending additional community events, such as the Main Event or Super Sunday.
- Who have the intention, upon completion of the program, to seek leadership roles on agency boards, committees or key volunteer positions in the local Jewish community.

Instructions for completing this application:

The following three items must be submitted in order to be considered for BLG:

1. Application
2. Digital photograph
3. Personal statement

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	HEBREW NAME

NAME OF SPOUSE (IF APPLICABLE)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME

NAME & DOB OF CHILDREN (IF APPLICABLE)

CHILD 1	CHILD 2	CHILD 3

HOME ADDRESS	CITY/STATE	ZIP CODE

HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE	DATE OF BIRTH	YEARS IN CHARLOTTE

BUSINESS TITLE (IF APPLICABLE)	BUSINESS NAME

BUSINESS ADDRESS	BUSINESS PHONE	PREFERRED EMAIL

II. EDUCATION

Describe your educational background (secular and religious, if applicable) listing schools attended and degrees earned, where appropriate (Maximum character count: 5,000)

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III. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Describe any current and/or previous involvement in the Jewish and secular communities (i.e. volunteer activities, leadership positions, committees, professional associations, etc.). *Please include the organization, position and year served along with a brief explanation of your involvement.* (Maximum character count: 5,000)

IV. WORK EXPERIENCE

Please describe current and previous work experience. (Maximum character count: 5,000)

V. GENERAL INFORMATION

Please limit responses to approximately 100 words or less

How did you hear about BLG?

What are your expectations of and what do you hope to gain from your participation in BLG?

How do you define leadership? What skills and qualities do you possess, both personally and professionally, that make you an effective leader and strong team player?

We'd like to learn a bit more about you. Describe any special interests, hobbies, or other interesting information you would like to share about yourself.

VI. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Describe a leader whom you admire and how he/she has influenced your desire to participate in BLG. The leader can be historic, contemporary, personal or Biblical. Please limit responses to 2,000 characters.

VII. COMMITMENT

By signing below, I am agreeing to the goals and commitments of the Bernstein Leadership Group (BLG). If selected, I will attend all the sessions/functions and devote the time necessary to be a contributing member of the class. I understand that if I fail to meet these obligations, I may be asked to withdraw from the program.

BLG is an 18-month commitment, running April 2017 – August 2018, with sessions held once a month (generally from 4:00-6:30 pm on Sunday). Participants will also be asked to participate in a weekend retreat in May 19-21, 2017.

To ensure a meaningful interaction and the creation of a cohesive group, participants are expected to maintain active participation in the program and make every effort to attend the retreat. You are allowed no more than three excused absences.

BLG is an interactive, hands-on program, and participants are required to prepare a class presentation and do preparatory reading when assigned.

Upon acceptance into BLG, participants are asked to pay a registration fee of \$36.00 to help defray administrative and program costs.

Candidate Signature

(typing your name on the above line constitutes a Candidate Signature)

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

**Thank you for your thoughtful responses.
Please save a copy of your completed application for your records.
Upon submitting, please remember to attach a digital photograph of yourself.
Please email this application to tair.giudice@jewishcharlotte.org**