



Ethel Hedgeman Lyle Leadership Academy

“Every Soror Prepared: The Journey to Greatness”

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated must have knowledgeable leaders who are focused, innovative and able to leverage their talents and resources to better achieve the organization’s mission. The Ethel Hedgeman Lyle Leadership Academy is designed to provide its members with the knowledge and hands-on application of the skills leaders need to go from “good to great.”

The inaugural class successfully completed their “journey to greatness” in March 2008. Although their journey was not easy, graduates will say it was well worth the countless hours spent completing individual and group assignments with sorors spread throughout the North Atlantic Region. Many have formed lifelong friendships, networking contacts, and have already put their experiences to good use in their communities, churches, chapters, and on their jobs. In fact, large numbers of Academy graduates were seen working behind the scenes and out front leading the way towards the spectacular Centennial Boule Celebration. Kudos to all for a job well done!



The next “journey to greatness” is about to begin for the Ethel Hedgeman Lyle Leadership Academy Class of 2010. The engines have been stoked and the platforms have been swept. All that is needed is your ticket. Sorors, we invite you to get on board the “leadership train!”

Experts from various fields of industry, higher education, the nonprofit sector and the sorority will assist Academy members in meeting the challenges they may face along their “journey to greatness.” Academy members will:

- Assess their leadership style and create a personal development plan
- Research and analyze the history of sorority leadership
- Master new technologies to enhance the learning and development process
- Explore and incorporate traits of a servant leader into their leadership style
- Conduct an in-depth strategic analysis of an actual business case study
- Develop and enhance effective skills in communication, problem solving, conflict resolution, change management, team building, motivation, creativity/innovation, and relationship building

The 2010 class will be inducted at the North Atlantic Regional Conference on **Friday, April 3, 2009**. The program will last for one year and consist of four all-day Academy Leadership Forums. **Forum 1 will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2009 (NYC), Forum 2-Saturday, June 27, 2009 (CT), Forum 3-Saturday, October 31, 2009 (DE) and Forum 4- 2010 NAR (MD). Academy members are required to attend ALL four forums to graduate.** Graduation will take place at the **2010 North Atlantic Regional Conference**.

The fee for each forum will be **\$75** which covers materials and meals. We will negotiate with facilities for best pricing on overnight accommodations. Academy members choosing to stay over are responsible for making their own reservations and providing payment.

To apply for admission to the Ethel Hedgeman Lyle Leadership Academy Class of 2010, please complete the application and submit it along with all supporting documents and a chapter check, cashier’s check, or money order for **\$75.00** which is nonrefundable unless you are not selected as a member of the Academy. Additional information may be found on the regional website at <http://www.akanorthatlantic.org> or you may contact Academy Deans, Soror Robin Hurd-Graham or Soror Wanda King.

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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
North Atlantic Region

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Class of 2010 Application

Please Print or Type All Information

Name _____ Financial Card # _____
Street _____ Home Phone: _____
_____ Cell Phone: _____
City _____ Chapter _____
State _____ Zip _____ Date Initiated: _____
E-Mail Address _____ Location/Cluster _____

Application Requirements:

1. All applicants must have been initiated into the sorority on or before **December 31, 2007**.
2. Attach your professional as well as your AKA resume (include leadership positions held in the sorority, chapter, regional, and international committee participation, etc.).
3. Attach a separate sheet(s) with your responses to the following questions. Be sure to include your name and telephone number at the top of each sheet.
 - A. Why are you interested in participating in the Ethel Hedgeman Lyle Leadership Academy?
 - B. What are your expectations from participating in the Academy?
 - C. What skills/talents do you bring to the Academy?

Only those applicants who fulfill all of the above requirements will be considered for admission into the Academy. Applicants admitted to the class of 2010 will be notified by the end of January 2009.

Application/Forum I Fee:

A fee of \$75 which includes the cost of materials for Forum I is to be submitted in the form of a chapter check, cashier's/certified bank check, or money order. The fee must be **received** on or before **Wednesday, December 31, 2008**. Personal checks will not be accepted. Make check payable to the **North Atlantic Region**. Please designate EHL Leadership Academy in the memo line of your check and mail your application/Forum I fee, professional/AKA resumes, and written response sheet(s) to:

Ethel Hedgeman Lyle Leadership Academy
P O Box 578
Laurel, MD 20725

By signing and submitting this application, I commit to completing all Academy assignments, attending all four Academy forums, and both the 2009 and 2010 North Atlantic Regional Conferences.

Signature

Soror Evelyn Sample-Oates, Centennial North Atlantic Regional Director

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Chapter Check _____ Certified Check _____ Money Order _____