



Weldon Cooper Center  
*for Public Service*

Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership

## **Sorensen Institute Financial Aid**

The Sorensen Institute offers limited financial aid for applicants accepted to participate in its programs who might require some financial assistance in order to attend. If you are interested in applying for financial aid, please review this packet carefully.

Requests for financial aid or scholarships will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, the parent organization of the Sorensen Institute, once the selection process is completed.

While the program fee covers required lodging and those meals provided by Sorensen during programs, the program participants are responsible for their own travel and all other expenses including meals not provided by Sorensen. Financial aid applies only to the program fee.

The overall amount of financial aid available is dependent on the overall success of attracting financial support for the Sorensen Institute. We are rarely able to cover the entire cost of the program fee but do try to make it easier for successful applicants with financial needs to participate in the program to which they have been accepted.

### **Financial Aid Process**

The financial aid process consists of filling out an application describing a participant's financial needs and planned contribution toward their program fee. Financial aid applications are reviewed by representatives of our parent organization, the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service. Financial aid requests are managed after applicants are accepted to programs.

Financial aid applications for the 2024 ELP are due on May 24, 2024. Applications received after this date may not be considered.

### **Financial Assistance Payment Plan**

The program fee payment for the program is due before the program begins. As a form of financial assistance, accepted participants may opt into a payment plan when they complete the program acceptance packet after admittance. The payment plan will include an additional convenience and processing fee.

The payment plan for the 2024 Emerging Leaders Program provides for a payment of \$700 due on each of July 12, August 14, and September 15, and October 10, 2024. Participants who receive financial aid will have any payment plan payments adjusted for any financial aid awarded.



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### **Employer or Outside Support**

Because the Emerging Leaders Program is a nonpartisan professional development program, participants may find it desirable to request that their employers pay the program fee. Some participants also seek funding from outside sources to cover part or all of the program fee. In either event, please coordinate with Sorensen staff so the funds can be properly allocated to the participant's account. However, the ultimate responsibility for payment of the program fee lies solely on the participant.

### **How to Apply**

Financial aid applications are reviewed by staff in the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, which is the parent organization of the Sorensen Institute.

After you submit the 2024 ELP application, you will receive an email within 1-2 business days with instructions on how to upload supplemental materials such as the financial aid application.

Financial aid applications for the 2024 ELP should be filled out and uploaded to the Cooper Center Portal by 11:59PM on May 24, 2024. Applications received after this date may not be considered.

## Financial Aid Application

Part 1/3

1. Applicant's First Name	2. Applicant's Last Name
3. Home Address (number and street)	4. Apt. No
5. City, State, Zip Code	
6. County or City	
7. How many people are in your household?	
8. For the purposes of filing taxes, I... (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> ...am a financial dependent ...Skip to Question 10 <input type="checkbox"/> ...am <b>not</b> a financial dependent... Continue to Question 9	
9. How many people in your household are your dependents? Please list names and relationships to you.	
10. Household Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) [IRS Form 1040--- Line 11; 1040A--- Line 21; 1040EZ--- Line 4]	
Part 1/3	
Initial here _____	

11. Employer

12. Job Title

13. Length of Employment

14. Does your employer offer any assistance with continuing education, professional development or other training program costs, or programs such as Sorensen? Please detail.

15. Amount you will contribute toward your program fee

16. Amount you are seeking in financial aid

*Your answers for 15 and 16 should add up to your total program fee of \$2,600.00.*

17. Use this space to provide any additional information about why you are seeking financial aid that you would like the reviewers of your request to be aware of:

By signing below, I certify the following:

The information above in my application is true and factual to the best of my ability.

I understand that the overall amount of financial aid available is dependent on the overall success of attracting financial support for the Sorensen Institute.

I understand that the Sorensen Institute is rarely able to cover the entire cost of the program fee, and financial aid is designed to try to make it easier for successful applicants with financial needs to participate in the program to which they have been accepted.

I understand financial aid decisions are made by representatives of the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.

I understand that I am still responsible for paying the remainder of my program fee, according to the deadlines, even if I receive financial aid.

Printed name

Signature

Date