



Political Activity Policy

Under the Internal Revenue Code, all section 501(3)(c) organizations are absolutely prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, a political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any political party or candidate for elective public office. Contributions to political parties, campaigns, or public written or verbal statements of position made on behalf of the organization in favor of or in opposition to any political party or candidate for public office clearly violate the prohibition against political campaign activity. Political parties and candidates are prohibited from participating in Leadership Lake events as vendors, sponsors, etc. Leadership Lake events include, but are not limited to board and/or class meetings, class projects, social events, program days, etc.

Members of Leadership Lake class may participate in the political process by supporting candidates and by running for elected office. However, under no circumstances may a class member, directly or indirectly participate in campaign activities either in support for or in opposition of a campaign during his/her time in any Leadership Lake class, activity, or event. This prohibition does not apply to the election of class officers.

Participation in campaign activities includes, but is not limited to, wearing pins/shirts or other paraphernalia, handing out literature (paper or electronic) or signs for a political candidate, or discussing candidates or candidate forums at a function, event, class, or meeting with classmates, alumni, program facilitators, sponsors, or guests of Leadership Lake. A class member may not refer to him/herself as a member of Leadership Lake. To do so, a class member must complete the program and become an alumnus or alumna of Leadership Lake. He or she may state they are a member of the class.

If a class member is a candidate for office while in the program, they are not permitted to campaign in any Leadership Lake class, activity, or event. This includes soliciting other class members, alumni, program facilitators, sponsors, or guests for money, support, or votes from Orientation through and including Graduation. The class member running for office shall not announce him/herself or have another person introduce him/her as a candidate when introducing him/herself or speaking during a Leadership Lake class, activity, or event. All class members of Leadership Lake may introduce themselves by the non-political company or business they represent while participating in the program. **The Leadership Lake alumni list may not be used for any of the above prohibited activities.**

Failure to sign or comply with this policy may result in the class member's immediate removal from the class, without refund of tuition.

Class Member Signature

Date

Print Name