2018 LEAP ADVISORY COUNCIL DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION
LEAD. EMERGE. ADVANCE. WITH PASSION.

The Lead. Emerge. Advance. with Passion. (LEAP) Advisory Council is a unique opportunity for emerging leaders within AFWA. LEAP was launched in 2015 by the AFWA National Board to ensure the voice of emerging leaders is heard and utilized in the organization.

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| Purpose: | Provide AFWA with valuable input from emerging leaders to ensure AFWA meets the needs of all members.* Advise AFWA Board on programs and services of interest to members 35 years of age and younger.
* Emphasize the importance of supporting AFWA and The Foundation with time, energy, connections and philanthropy.
* Contribute to AFWA’s marketing through a variety of channels.
* Convey the mission and vision of AFWA.
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| Council Members: | The LEAP Advisory Council will consist of up to 8 AFWA Members, age 35 or younger, each serving a 2 year term. * One member of the Council, elected by the other Council members, will serve as an Ex-Officio member of the AFWA National Board of Directors.
* All other council members are encouraged to serve on at least one National Committee
* One member of the AFWA National Board of Directors will serve as a liaison on the LEAP Advisory Council.
* Council members may apply and go through the interview process for a second term as long as they are still 35 or younger at the start of their second term.
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| Programs: | The LEAP Advisory Council will participate in a variety of programs throughout the year to develop skills as part of the LEAP experience. * Leadership opportunities at the AFWA National Conference
* Monthly virtual LEAP Sessions
* Mentorship by AFWA Leaders
* Other programs created with members of the LEAP Council
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| Commitment: | LEAP Council Members will participate in * at least one in-person meeting to be held at the same time as The Foundation of AFWA’s board meeting before or after the AFWA National Conference
* Monthly meetings via conference call.
* at least one other National Committee, which may include at least one additional call per month.
* AFWA National Conference
* Reimbursement of expenses for the in-person meeting will be determined annually by the AFWA Board of directors
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| Application Process: | In 2018 up to 4 new members will be selected to the LEAP Advisory Council. * Applications will be accepted January – April, 2018, and a National Vice President will lead the selection process.
* Applicants will be interviewed by the selection committee.
* Selection committee will consist of National Vice President, AFWA Board of Director LEAP Liaison, and LEAP Council Chair
* New members of the LEAP Council will be notified of their acceptance by June 1, with a term beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2020
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| NAME please include any credentials:  |  |
| PHONE: | Cell: Office: Home: |
| EMAIL: |  |
| ARE YOU ACTIVE ON: |  [ ] Facebook [ ] LinkedIn [ ]  Twitter |
| BIRTHDAY: mm/dd/yy |  |
| ETHNICITY please chose all that apply: | [ ] Asian [ ] Black/African American [ ] East Indian [ ] Hispanic[ ] Middle Eastern [ ] Native American [ ] Pacific Islander [ ] White/Caucasian[ ] Other:  |
| LOCATION (CITY/STATE): |  |

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| COMPANY/EMPLOYER:  |  |
| TITLE: |  |
| TOTAL YEARS OF EXPERIENCE: |  |

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| HIGHEST DEGREE EARNED:  |  |
| SCHOOL ATTENDED: |  |
| GRADUATION YEAR: |  |
| Do you have any certifications? If yes, please list:  |
| Have you ever received a scholarship from The Foundation of AFWA? [ ] Yes [ ] No |
| Do you have any further education or certification plans (w/in the next five years)? if yes, please describe: |

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| AFWA CHAPTER (if applicable):  |  |
| YEARS AS AFWA MEMBER: |  |
| CHAPTER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS: |  |
| CURRENT LEADERSHIP ROLE(S) OUTSIDE OF AFWA: |  |
| RECENT AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS: |  |

AVAILABILITY AND SUPPORT:

* Will you attend the AFWA National Conference and in-person meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, Oct 27-30, 2018? [ ]  Yes [ ] Maybe [ ]  No
* Can you commit to a monthly LEAP virtual session? [ ]  Yes [ ] Maybe [ ]  No
* Does your employer encourage your participation in programs like LEAP? [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] Don’t know/haven’t asked

REFERRAL:

* Were you referred to the AFWA LEAP Council by another AFWA member? [ ] Yes [ ]  No
* If yes, please provide name and contact information of the referral: Click here to enter text.

SUBMISSION:

**The due date for the LEAP application is April 30, 2018**

In addition to this application, please include the following:

* Current resume
* Brief professional bio (200 word summary of experience and skills)
* A letter of recommendation from an AFWA Member
* Tell us why you why you want to join the AFWA LEAP Advisory Council (in a 500 word essay)

Materials should be sent in Word (.doc or .docx) or PDF format to: deborah.williams@afwa.org

Only electronic materials will be accepted, with the exception of the letter of recommendation. If hard copy of the letter is preferred, it can be mailed to: AFWA, 2365 Harrodsburg Road, A325, Lexington, KY 40504.