2019 County Leadership Institute Frequently Asked Questions

NACO invites all State Association Executive Directors to nominate one candidate from their state to participate in the 2018 County Leadership Institute (CLI). CLI will be held on June 9 – 13, 2019 in Washington, D.C.

Who is eligible to attend CLI?

CLI is designed for elected officials with at least three years of experience in county government at the policy level from NACo member counties. The class is limited to a maximum of 30 participants, with two spots reserved for state association executive directors. CLI accepts only one candidate from any given state. If you wish to nominate more than one person, please rank your nominees. Should your first nominee withdraw, your second nominee will be considered as an alternate.

What are the goals of the Institute?

Participants gain a broad perspective of their leadership style, issues facing their communities and how to engage broad networks of interested parties to develop solutions to difficult challenges facing their communities. Challenged by faculty and peers, CLI attendees explore concepts and develop relationships that affirm and direct their leadership potential at local, state and federal levels.

When is it held?

The Institute opens with an evening reception on Sunday, June 9th and concludes on Thursday, June 13th.

Who are the instructors?

The Institute instructors are from Cambridge Leadership Associates. Dean Ellen Schall of NYU Robert Wagner School of Public Service and Marty Linsky developed the CLI in 2004. Marty Linsky is affiliated with the Kennedy School of Government and is the author of several books including Leadership on the Line with Ron Heifetz.

Where is the program held?

Classes are held at NACo’s headquarters, located at 660 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20001.

What is the schedule?

The program includes two receptions, daily faculty presentations, dialogue, small group exercises and a business dinner.

What are the costs?
Attendees are responsible for their travel to and from Washington, DC. The $1800 registration fee covers the program, hotel room, several meals and local transportation. The remaining program expenses are covered by CLI corporate sponsors.

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