**WELCOME TO AFRICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY!**

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in African Leadership Academy (ALA). By completing this application you are taking the first step in a process that will allow us to learn more about you, your achievements, and your future goals.

Prior to completing this application, we encourage you to learn as much as possible about African Leadership Academy. African Leadership Academy differs from conventional secondary schools in what kind of students thrive here and in turn what type of students we look for. We look for a large diversity of students based on our 5 criteria: entrepreneurial spirit, leadership potential, passion for Africa, commitment to service, and academic achievement. Academic achievement is considered equal to the other criteria. Both students who excel and struggle academically have ultimately flourished at ALA. We highly encourage you to read our brochure, ask us questions, and/or visit our website: [www.africanleadershipacademy.org](http://www.africanleadershipacademy.org). Think about the role you envision playing in Africa’s future. If you believe African Leadership Academy is the right place for you, take the next step and apply!

We are excited that you have chosen to apply to African Leadership Academy, and wish you continued success as you pursue your dreams.

Warm regards,

African Leadership Academy

**AGE REQUIREMENTS**

The African Leadership Academy accepts students who, at the time they start classes at ALA, are **16-19 years old.**  To apply for the 2016-2017 school year, you must have **been born between September 1996 and September 2000**. Applicants above the age of 19 should strongly consider applying to ALU via (www.alueducation.com).

**APPLICATION DEADLINES**

* **Early Decision deadline, 31 October 2015**: Candidates can also submit applications by December 15th. Submitting your application by the early decision deadline only guarantees earlier notice of your admissions decision.
* **Regular Decision deadline, 15 December 2015**: Candidates from all countries.

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

The African Leadership Academy application consists of three components, all of which must be completed. **We cannot evaluate applications that are incomplete.**

* This application form (required)
* School reports from the past two years(required)
* National exam results if available (required)

**Submitting Your Application:**

Please complete the following 6 pages and attach updated copies of your school reports and your national exam results (if they are available). Be sure to write your name and contact information on each page of your application. We prefer that you submit your application online at <http://www.africanleadershipacademy.org/apply/>. Otherwise, you can submit your application to the African Leadership Academy Admissions Office in one of the following ways:

* **Via email** to [admissions@africanleadershipacademy.org](mailto:admissions@africanleadershipacademy.org). (Highly preferred)
* **Via fax** to +27 11 252 6190
* **Via certified courier** to African Leadership Academy, 1050 Printech Avenue, Honeydew, 2040, South Africa. Please list “ALA Admissions Manager” as the receiver and write +27 11 699 3000 for the receiver’s phone number.
* If you cannot use any of the above methods, please submit your application via **regular postal mail** to PostNet Suite 413, Private Bag X1, Northcliff, 2115, South Africa. **Please only use regular postal mail as a last resort as the South African postal service is not reliable and there is no guarantee that your application will arrive safely and on time.**

**Confirmation of Receipt:**

You will receive a confirmation via SMS and/or email after we receive your application. Please contact the Admissions Office **only** if you do not receive a confirmation message **within one week**. **Please keep a full copy of all application materials in case your application is lost in transit. African Leadership Academy will not be held liable for lost or missing applications.**

**A. APPLICATION DATA FORM**

**Please type or write clearly in CAPITAL LETTERS only!**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

*Please enter your name and all information as it appears on* ***official*** *documents, such as your identification card, birth certificate, or passport.*

Surname (Family Name):

First Names (Given Names):

Gender:F M Nationality: Birth Date: / /

Year

Month

Day

Country (where you live):

Do you have a passport? Yes No Passport #:

*If you have a passport, please attach a copy of it to this application.*

Passport Issued by (Country): Expires on: / /

Month

Year

Day

Your Email Address

Your Secondary Email Address:

Mobile Phone (+ ) Other Phone: (+ )

Country code

Country code

Permanent Physical Address:

Country

Address During School Year:

(If Different)

Country

Have you applied to African Leadership Academy before: Yes No

**B. APPLICANT ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

*Note: African Leadership Academy may contact your school to verify information on this application.*

Current School: Language of Instruction:

Physical Address:

Postal Address:

Current Grade Level/Form/Year: Expected Date of Graduation (if you do not enter ALA): /

Month

Year

Name of Principal or Head of School:

**Principal’s contact information:**

Office Phone (required): (+ ) Fax (optional): (+ )

Mobile Phone (required): (+ ) Email (optional):

School Type (mark **all** that apply): Government/Public Independent/Private Religious Boarding

School Year Begins: (month) and Ends: (month)

List all other secondary schools, summer schools, or academic programs you have attended:

Country code

Country code

**C. ATTACH A COPY OF ALL SCHOOL REPORTS AND NATIONAL EXAM RESULTS FROM THE PAST TWO YEARS (2013-2015)**

**(DO NOT send original transcripts. ALA will not return original documents to you.)**

Have you ever been found responsible for a disciplinary violation at any secondary school you have attended, whether related to academic or behavioural misconduct, which resulted in your probation, suspension, removal,

dismissal, or expulsion from school? YES NO

How did you **first** learn about African Leadership Academy? (please mark only **one**)

Information session / presentation (please specify location): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher, principal or counsellor (please list name): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Friend, parent, guardian or relative (please specify and list name): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Your own search on the Internet

Other, e.g. newspaper, magazine, radio (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Facebook or other social media (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Name: Phone/Email:**

**D. FAMILY INFORMATION**

*Please list the adults who currently have legal rights and responsibilities toward you, such as your parents or guardians. Please ensure that this information is correct.*

***Section 1: Parents or Guardians***

**Parent/Guardian #1** Surname: Gender: F M

First Names (Given Names):

Relation to You: Occupation:

Highest Level of Education /Degree Attained:

Mobile Phone: (+ ) Other Phone: (+ )

Country code

Country code

Email:

Physical Address:

Parent/Guardian #1 possesses legal guardianship over you? Yes No

Applicant Living with: Parent(s) Relative(s) Other

**Parent/Guardian #2** Surname: Gender: F M

First Names (Given Names):

Relation to You: Occupation:

Highest Level of Education /Degree Attained:

Mobile Phone: (+ ) Other Phone: (+ )

Country code

Country code

Email:

Physical Address:

Parent/Guardian #2 possesses legal guardianship over you? Yes No

Applicant living with: Parent(s) Relative(s) Other

Are your parent(s)/guardian(s) married? Yes No Are your parent(s)/guardian(s) BOTH (if applicable) present and able to sign a letter to consent to your travel to South Africa should you be admitted to African Leadership Academy? Yes No

If no, please explain why they are unable to sign:

Primary language spoken at home: Other Languages:

OPTIONAL: Your Race/Ethnicity: Your Religious Affiliation:

OPTIONAL: Your mother’s Race/Ethnicity: Your mother’s Religious Affiliation:

OPTIONAL: Your father’s Race/Ethnicity: Your father’s Religious Affiliation:

***Section 2:* Siblings:** Please list the Names, Level of Education, Genders and Ages of any brothers/sisters you have, even if they don’t live in your household:

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| Full Name | Gender (M/F) | Age | Highest level of education / degree attained | Phone (if your sibling is 18 years or older) | Email (if your sibling is 18 years or older) |
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**Applicant Name: Phone/Email:**

**E. SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

**Writing Tips**

* Do not exceed the word maximums.
* You are not required to write as much as allowed by the word maximum. Great responses can be short. Quality is better than quantity.
* Use complete sentences.
* There is no single correct answer to any of these questions.

1. **What excites you most about African Leadership Academy? Word Maximum 150**
2. **Please describe the activity in which you participate that is most meaningful or important to you. Word Maximum 300, Minimum 100**
   1. **Why is it the most important or meaningful to you?**
   2. **What have you learned about yourself by participating in this activity?**

**Applicant Name: Phone/Email:**

**F. ESSAY QUESTION**

1. **In this section we would like you to describe a time when you identified a need in your community (this can be your family, school, village, town, civil society organization, workplace or religious community, etc.) and took action:**
2. **What need did you identify? Word Maximum 100, Minimum 20**
3. **How did you address this need? Word Maximum 250, Minimum 60**
4. **What difficulties did you encounter? Word Maximum 150, Minimum 30**

**(iv) What was the outcome? Word Maximum 200, Minimum 40**

**Applicant Name: Phone/Email:**

**G. ACTIVITIES**

**Please list up to three of the most important activities in each category (in order of importance to**

**you) that you have participated in during the past three years. You do not need to complete every section.**

**School and Community Service:**

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| **Activity** | **Hours per week** | **Role** | **Months in a year** | **Number of years** |
| **Example: Student Government** | **3** | **Treasurer** | **9** | **2** |
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| 3. |  |  |  |  |

**Employment/Entrepreneurial Enterprises:**

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| **Activity** | **Hours per week** | **Role** | **Months in a year** | **Number of years** |
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| 2. |  |  |  |  |
| 3. |  |  |  |  |

**Competitions/Conferences/Special Programs:**

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| **Activity** | **Hours per week** | **Years participated role** | **Months in a year** | **Number of years** |
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| 3. |  |  |  |  |

**Artistic/Musical:**

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| **Activity** | **Hours per week** | **Role** | **Months in a year** | **Number of years** |
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**Athletics:**

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| **Activity** | **Hours per week** | **Role** | **Months in a year** | **Number of years** |
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**H. CERTIFICATES, AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS**

*Note: Do not send us copies of any of these unless specifically asked. Please list in order of importance to you.*

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| **Title of Award** | **Year Received** | **Description** |
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**I. CERTIFICATION PAGE**

***TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT:***

I, , hereby certify that all information contained in this application is truthfully and accurately presented and my work alone.

Full name

Signature: Date:

***TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT’S PARENT/GUARDIAN:***

I, , hereby give permission for

Full name

to apply to African Leadership Academy, a world-class, pan-African boarding school in South Africa.

Applicant Name

Signature: Date:

Phone Number or Email:

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