

# EALI Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Elko Area Leadership Institute (EALI)?  
*EALI is a year-long program that will develop leaders who are diverse, involved, educated and who will sustain community stewardship through cooperation, volunteerism and respect for others.*
2. What are the goals of EALI?  
*EALI aims to provide an extensive leadership training program for community minded leaders seeking to enhance and develop their leadership and business skills. The program will be a hands-on experience aimed at developing understanding of a broad spectrum of public-policy issues with a lasting commitment to civic involvement at the local and state levels. Graduates will have a good working knowledge and awareness of key community issues and challenges and become leaders bringing value to the bottom line for their business or company. At the end of the program, participants will have cultivated communication and networking skills that enable them to build strong relationships and will be prepared to play an important role in deciding priorities and strategies for local and statewide issues.*
3. What communities does the Elko Area include?  
*The Elko Area consists of all Elko County communities. Applicants must either live or work in Elko County to participate.*
4. Who should apply to participate in EALI?  
*Anyone who desires to be a part of Elko's future and develop personal leadership traits is welcome to apply.*
5. I am a student and am not currently employed. Am I eligible for the program?  
*Yes. If you are unable to pay for your tuition in full, there are a limited number of scholarships available. Please see the application for scholarship applicant guidelines.*
6. How will EALI participants benefit from EALI?  
*Participants will be able to develop leadership, communication and networking skills that can be applied to any position. Additionally, participants will be able to have a deeper understanding of Elko and the challenges facing the Elko Area. Participants will also be presented with tools to keep them involved, such as an alumni association.*
7. Why does the Elko Area need a program like EALI?  
*Communities require leadership at all levels. EALI will help to ensure that such leaders are available to take on future challenges*
8. Why is it important to participate in EALI?  
*Communities require leadership at all levels. Participation in EALI will ensure that such leaders are available to take on the challenges that are forth coming.*
9. How many people can participate?  
*Up to fifteen applicants will be chosen to participate in the inaugural year.*
10. Do I need to complete all portions of the application?  
*Yes. The selection committee needs to have as much information as possible in reviewing applications. Failure to fill out one or more portions will put you at a disadvantage in the selection process. We strongly encourage you to have someone review your application and make suggestions prior to its submission.*
11. Can I submit letters of recommendation or support with my application?  
*No.*

12. Can I submit a resume' or Curriculum Vitae?  
*No. Only the application is accepted.*
13. Does my current employer need to sign off on the application?  
*Yes, you must have the support of your employer.*
14. How can I get my employer to support my participation in EALI?  
*The EALI website has a wealth of information, including newsletter articles from Committee Members and current leaders in the community. Additionally, Committee Members are available to discuss EALI with your employer. A list of Committee Members can be found on the EALI website at [http://www.chamberorganizer.com/elkochamber/mem\\_EALI](http://www.chamberorganizer.com/elkochamber/mem_EALI).*
15. Who does my employer contact for the payment option?  
*The EALI Administrative Committee can discuss payment options with your employer.*
16. My employer is unable to pay my tuition. What are my options?  
*Candidates are welcome to pay for their tuition in full. There are also a limited number of scholarships available. Please see the application for scholarship applicant guidelines.*
17. Who needs to be a member of the Chamber to qualify for the reduced tuition?  
*The applicant or the employer can be a member of the Chamber to receive a reduced rate.*
18. Do you accept credit cards for payment of fees? Purchase orders?  
*Credit cards are accepted for payment, though there is a 5% credit card processing fee. Purchase orders are not accepted.*
19. What is the appropriate dress for the retreat and modules?  
*Unless you are informed otherwise in advance, business casual attire is required for all events.*
20. Will class materials be available on the web?  
*Some material may be e-mailed or provided on the web, though internet access is not required.*
21. Are all of the modules full-day?  
*No, though most modules will require at least a 6-hour commitment. The schedule can be found on the EALI website at [http://www.chamberorganizer.com/elkochamber/mem\\_EALI](http://www.chamberorganizer.com/elkochamber/mem_EALI).*
22. Where will the modules be held?  
*Most of the modules will be held within the Elko city limits. Some modules incorporate walking and/or bus tours. The schedule can be found on the EALI website at [http://www.chamberorganizer.com/elkochamber/mem\\_EALI](http://www.chamberorganizer.com/elkochamber/mem_EALI).*
23. How much time should I allot for homework and class project work?  
*Participants should anticipate at least 10 hours per month for homework and project work.*
24. What will participants do each month?  
*There will be a retreat, 10 modules and a graduation ceremony. Additionally, participants will work together on a class project. The schedule can be found on the EALI website at [http://www.chamberorganizer.com/elkochamber/mem\\_EALI](http://www.chamberorganizer.com/elkochamber/mem_EALI).*
25. Can I earn college credits or continuing education credits for participating in EALI?  
*College and CEU credits are not available.*
26. How many of the modules do I need to attend to "graduate" from EALI?  
*Attendance is required at the retreat, all modules, and the graduation in order to "graduate" from the program.*

27. Can I send a proxy to a module I am not able to attend?

*No. Only accepted applicants can participate.*

28. What are the expectations of me upon graduation?

*You are expected to be an active member of at least one community organization by the time you graduate. Additionally, all graduates will become part of the alumni of the program and are expected to promote the program and assist with future classes when possible.*

29. Who is sponsoring EALI?

*EALI is a committee of the Elko Area Chamber of Commerce. Numerous businesses, agencies and individuals have volunteered time and contributed financially in support of EALI.*

30. How do I find out more information?

*Additional information can be obtained from the EALI website at [elkoleadership.org](http://elkoleadership.org) or by calling the Elko Area Chamber of Commerce at 775-738-7135.*