



# 2022 APPLICATION GUIDE

## TWO YEAR PRE-UNIVERSITY DIPLOMA PROGRAM YOUR LEADERSHIP JOURNEY STARTS HERE

### SELECTION CRITERIA

Do you believe you're a good fit for ALA? Take some time to reflect on your personal and academic experiences to articulate your progress, thus far, in demonstrating these traits. This is what we look for:

1

#### Intellectual Readiness:

Are you intellectually prepared to step into a rigorous environment which will require you to push the boundaries of their learning?

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#### Courage & Perseverance:

Do you show the motivation to take initiative and rigorously follow through on the opportunities that matter most to you?

3

#### Ownership:

Do you 'drive the bus' in your leadership journey? Do you envision a destination and have the self-belief to take charge of your journey towards impact?

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#### Interdependence:

Do you recognize that transformation is the product of work with, and through, others?

African Leadership Academy admits 130 young leaders yearly.

You must be born after September 1st, 2003 to apply for the ALA Class of 2023.

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OUR SELECTION CRITERIA  
**HERE**



# APPLICATION PROCESS

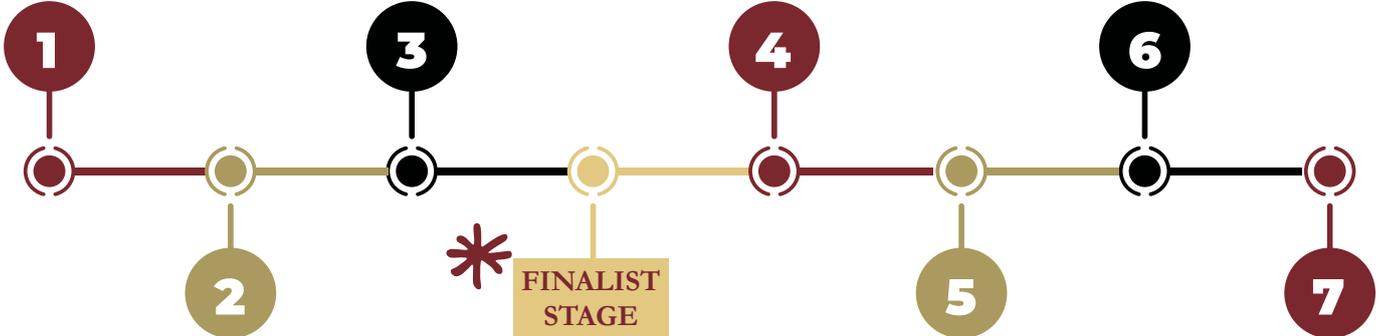
Do you fit the criteria to join ALA? Here's what comes next.

1 Register and apply online.

3 Submit your application, and receive a confirmation email from ALA Admissions, and further updates concerning your application status.

4 Submit Financial Aid documents and letters of recommendation

6 Wait for an email from ALA Admissions with your final admissions decision



2 ALA's Recruitment Lead in your country will reach out to you via email for any questions you have.

\* FINALIST STAGE  
Check your email to see if you have been selected as a finalist.

5 Finalist interview with the ALA admissions team. All finalists can apply for financial aid.

7 Arrive to the African Leadership Academy campus in September 2023

## APPLICATION TIMELINE

1 JULY 2022

Applications open

16 SEP 2022

Early Decision Deadline

9 JAN 2023

Regular Decision Deadline

NOV – APR 2023

Finalist Interviews and ED outcomes released by end of November

APR 2023

April RD outcomes released

## APPLICATION

Submit your online application via Submittable

**SIGN UP HERE** \*

The application form is available in Arabic by request. Please email: [apply@africanleadershipacademy.org](mailto:apply@africanleadershipacademy.org)  
Via email: download the application form

**HERE** \*

And then submit to: [admissions@africanleadershipacademy.org](mailto:admissions@africanleadershipacademy.org)



# ESSAY QUESTIONS

**A** Reflect on a time when you identified a need in your community and took action. This can be your family, school, village, town, civil society organization, workplace, religious community, and outside an assigned classroom task.

1. What need did you identify? Why was addressing this need important to you?
2. What specific actions did you take to address the need? If your initiative is unfinished, what actions do you still plan to take?
3. Whether it is finished or unfinished, how do you measure the success of the initiative?
4. What difficulties did you encounter? Were you able to overcome them and how?
5. What one lesson did you learn from this experience? What one thing would you do differently if you were to address the need again?

**B** For this set of essays, we would like you to think about your leadership journey to date and about your future self.

1. Who is a leader, past or present, in your local or the global community, that you find inspiring? Which of their achievements inspire you?
2. How has this leader shaped your definition of leadership? What is one specific behavior you have adopted because of this leader?
3. Leaders make mistakes too. Consider one this leader has made and explain what you will do differently from them?

**C** Attach a piece of work (academic or non-academic) that you have completed over the past year and a half to this application. You may attach a paper, a video, a presentation, a photograph, etc. Please do not attach a certificate or a transcript. Whatever you choose, it should show a final product that you are proud of, and which reflects your curiosity and effort.

1. A. Why did you select this piece of work?
2. B. How have you built, or will you build, on your chosen piece of work?

## CONTACT US

All questions regarding the application form may be directed to the Program Recruitment department:

[apply@africanleadershipacademy.org](mailto:apply@africanleadershipacademy.org)

To add any information to your application before the deadline contact the Admissions department:

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