Earn Recognition for Your Service and Continued Education through the Mayors and Council Members Department's Leadership Academy

WHAT IS THE ACADEMY?

The Mayors and Council Members Academy (MCA) is an educational program for mayors and council members who are looking for continued education to enhance their own knowledge and skills to better serve the public. The Academy is a voluntary program, and achievements are self reportable. The League is proud to recognize our members as they climb the three levels: Leadership, Advanced Leadership and Leadership in Action.

BE RECOGNIZED FOR YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Mayors and Council Members who reach Advanced Leadership and Leadership in Action levels of the Academy are honored at the League's Annual Conference with a certificate and torch lapel pin. The League can also arrange for recognition at your own city council meeting and/or via a news release.

MAYORS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ACADEMY (MCA) GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Leadership

1. Completion of the MCA Leadership Institute in January; **OR**
2. Greater than three years as an elected official and attend at least one League conference.

Advanced Leadership

1. Graduation from the MCA Leadership level.
2. Completion of the MCA Advanced Leadership Workshop or National League of Cities May 2012 Economic Development-themed Workshop, **OR**, a member or former member of the League's Board of Directors
3. Completion of three other League conferences from the listing below. Duplication of conferences is acceptable since they change from year to year.
    - Mayors and Council Members Academy Executive Forum
    - Annual Conference
    - Planners Institute
4. Completion of at least three (3) years as an elected city official.
5. Participation in at least two (2) activities*, one of which must be a League activity.

Leadership in Action

1. Graduation from Advanced Leadership.
2. Completion of at least five (5) years as an elected city official.
3. Completion of two more conferences selected from the list below:
    - Mayors and Council Members Executive Forum
    - League's Annual Conference
    - The National League of Cities Convention
4. Participation in five (5) leadership activities*, two of which must be League activities.

***League (1-6) and Community Activities (7-11)** Must be completed while in office or within five (5) years prior to becoming an elected city official.

1. Active League policy committee member for at least two years
2. Having served as a moderator, facilitator, or speaker at a League of California Cities conference
3. Member of the League's Board of Directors
4. League division or department officer and/or Division Executive Committee member
5. Chair, vice-chair for a League policy committee
6. Member of a League task force or ad hoc committee
7. Service on a COG, LAFCO board, CalCOG or its subgroups
8. Member of a public sector association as an officer or on the board of directors
9. Service as an officer of a local or statewide not-for-profit organization or professional organization
10. Instructor in relevant educational programs for city officials
11. Member of a county, regional, state, or national commission, agency, or board.

If you believe that you have completed a level contact: Brian Sanders, Education Program Director at bsanders@cacities.org.