Water & Wastewater Leadership Center

2027 SESSION APPLICATION

March 1-11, 2027 | UNC Kenan-Flager, Chapel Hill, NC

Elements Of The Leadership Center

The Leadership Center's curriculum is intended for current and new water and wastewater utility CEOs and General Managers, other executive-level management positions (e.g., CFO, CIO, etc.), and Senior and Upper-Level Managers who are interested in executive management. The Center is comprised of an intensive 10-day residential executive education program, including a 360-degree assessment of leadership style, peer networking, and an enhanced leadership curriculum tailored to the water sector.

Tuition

$14,775 10-Day Residential Program

Tuition includes 7.5 days of instruction, all curriculum materials, residential accommodations (10 nights), most meals (10 buffet breakfasts, 9 lunches, 4 dinners, and continuous break service on instruction days).

Location & Accommodations

Hotel accommodations will be reserved for all accepted participants from Mar 1-11, 2027, at the Paul J. Rizzo Conference Center in Chapel Hill, NC. Participants should plan to arrive in Chapel Hill by the afternoon of Monday, March 1, 2027. Participants will have commitments until 2:00 pm on Thursday, March 11, 2027. Departing flights should be scheduled for no earlier than 4:00 pm on March 11. Participants needing to depart on Friday, March 12, may reserve an additional night at the Conference Center for $205/night.

Application

Application packages must include a completed application form, accompanied by a current resume, organizational chart (indicating applicant's position), and a Letter of Intent from the applicant. The Letter of Intent should detail the reasons for applying to and attending the Leadership Center, describe the applicant's current leadership role within the agency, and outline the applicant's goals for the future. Completed application packages **must be emailed to both** Chris Hornback at chornback@nacwa.org and Brédy Trombino at btrombino@nacwa.org.

Applications are evaluated as they are received. and acceptance decisions will be made on a rolling basis. **Completed application package must be received no later than November 20, 2026**, but applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their applications before the deadline. All applicants will be advised of the status of their application no later than December 11, 2026. Accepted participants must provide full payment no later than January 15, 2027.

Cancellation & Substitution Policy

If a candidate is accepted to the Leadership Center and is unable to attend, an alternate candidate may be nominated for consideration before January 15, 2027. Enrollment is limited, and participants will be required to do a self-assessment survey in advance; therefore, it is important that any cancellations and candidate changes be fully approved no later than January 15, 2027. Please notify Brédy Trombino by phone, 202.533.1820, or email, btrombino@nacwa.org, immediately if a candidate change request is necessary.

Cancellations and substitutions are subject to the following:

- Cancellations after December 11, 2026, but before January 15, 2027, will be charged 50% of the tuition fee.
- Substitutions of enrollment must be approved on or before January 15, 2027.
- Cancellations after Jan 15, 2027 will be charged full tuition.

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REGISTRANT INFORMATION

MR./MS. FIRST NAME BADGE NAME/NICKNAME MIDDLE LAST

AGENCY TITLE

BUSINESS ADDRESS (PLEASE, NO P.O. BOXES) CITY/STATE/ZIP

CITY STATE ZIP

OFFICE PHONE MOBILE NUMBER E-MAIL ADDRESS

EDUCATION

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY HIGHEST DEGREE EARNED

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Please provide one sentence describing where you fit in your organization's management hierarchy, specifically the reporting relationships from your position to the General Manager or CEO.

SUPERVISOR'S CONTACT DETAILS

Please provide name, title, and email for supervisor who has approved your participation (if applicant is not GM/CEO)

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Length of time in current position _____

Length of time with current utility _____

Number of personnel in utility _____

Number of your direct reports _____

Utility's service area population _____

MEMBERSHIP (check all that apply)

I or my utility am/are a member of the following:

- ☐ American Water Works Association
- ☐ Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies
- ☐ National Association of Clean Water Agencies
- ☐ National Association of Water Companies
- ☐ Water Environment Federation
- ☐ None of the Above

APPLICATION MATERIALS

Enclosed with this completed application form are the following:

- ☐ Letter of Intent from the applicant
- ☐ Current Resume
- ☐ Current Organizational Chart

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please note: credit cards are not accepted.

- ☐ Check Request Submitted
- ☐ Please Send an Invoice to:

FIRST/MIDDLE/LAST EMAIL

AGENCY TITLE

ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

SIGNATURE

By signing this application, I agree to the policies of this program and the validity of the information contained in this application.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE