



Mississippi Federation Women's Clubs

*A member of the General Federation
of Women's Clubs*



MS Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS)

MS LEADS training program identifies members at the grassroots level who have the potential and desire to assume leadership positions in GFWC within their local club and beyond. Participation in LEADS provides these members with the capabilities, confidence, and commitment to serve with distinction. Each year, every local club may select one representative to attend the MS LEADS program, held in conjunction with the MFWC Annual Convention. The training program includes a half day of workshops, seminars, activities, and networking opportunities.

Program topics vary, according to current trends and issues, and may include:

- Presentations on conflict resolution, mediation, public speaking, time management, parliamentary procedure
- Explanation of GFWC resources, materials, and assistance
- Discussions on GFWC policies, procedures, and parliamentary law
- Tips and techniques for pursuing leadership opportunities

CRITERIA FOR LEADS PARTICIPATION

A LEADS candidate should:

- Demonstrate leadership capabilities at the club level as an active club president, club officer, or club project/committee chairman
- Exhibit a commitment to the Federation
- Exhibit an understanding of the GFWC mission of community service, illustrated by programs/projects in which she is/has been involved
- Demonstrate leadership skills, including but not limited to organization, responsibility, trustworthiness, enthusiasm, flexibility
- Exhibit an interest and willingness to pursue higher leadership positions in the Federation
- Understand and accept potential expenses involved in participation
- Not have held an elected position at or beyond the state level

Local clubs are encouraged to underwrite a portion of attendee's expenses (e.g. travel or convention registration). LEADS attendees are responsible for a portion of their expenses as an affirmation of their personal commitment.

SELECTION PROCESS

Each state Federation annually selects one LEADS attendee to serve as MFWC representative to GFWC LEADS to be held in conjunction with the GFWC Annual International Convention. Attendees are expected to meet the criteria listed above. The final selection is at the discretion of each state Federation.

The Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, is an organization of women whose goal is personal enrichment leading to volunteer service that benefits the community, state, nation and world.