

## *Coro™ Women In Leadership*

**A program of FOCUS St. Louis®**

Coro™ Women In Leadership prepares women to be engaged, responsible citizens and effective civic leaders by providing rigorous hands-on leadership training over a five-month period.

### **About the Coro™ Women In Leadership Program**

Coro™ Women In Leadership (WIL) is a five-month, part-time training program that provides women the opportunity to refine their personal and professional leadership competencies, learn about the St. Louis community, and connect with other women from diverse backgrounds.

In existence since 1981, WIL has a strong alumni presence of over 950 women in the St. Louis area who are actively engaged in addressing community issues.

The program consists of five seminars, held on Saturdays (approximately one per month), and four field days held on Thursdays (approximately one per month). Attendance is required at all sessions.

Seminars and field days are held throughout the St. Louis region, giving participants the opportunity to visit a wide variety of locations, observe different styles of operation and leadership and meet with regional leaders.



### **Training**

- Emphasizes inquiry and experiential learning
- Exposes participants to public, private, and civic sectors
- Values the critical role of diversity in leadership training
- Provides opportunities for participants to assess leadership competencies and develop strategies for improvement

Training is delivered by our experienced FOCUS facilitators and leaders in the community.

### **How to Apply**

Applications for the Coro Women In Leadership program can be found online at [www.focus-stl.org](http://www.focus-stl.org). Two recommendations are also required.

Applicants will participate in a Saturday half-day interview and selection process. Candidates will be notified regarding selection within a week of that date.

**The application deadline for Class 69 is Friday, January 5, 2018.**

**The application deadline for Class 70 is Friday, July 13, 2018.**

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### Spring 2018 Program Dates

Friday, January 5, 2018	Application Deadline
Saturday, January 13, 2018	Selection Day
Saturday, February 4, 2018	Seminar 1
Thursday, February 15, 2018	Field Day 1
Saturday, February 24, 2018	Seminar 2
Thursday, March 8, 2018	Field Day 2
Saturday, March 24, 2018	Seminar 3
Thursday, March 29, 2018	Field Day 3
Saturday, April 7, 2018	Seminar 4
Thursday, April 26, 2018	Field Day 4
Saturday, May 19, 2018	Seminar 5

### Fall 2018 Program Dates

Friday, July 13, 2018	Application Deadline
Saturday, August 4, 2018	Selection Day
Saturday, September 15, 2018	Seminar 1
Thursday, September 27, 2018	Field Day 1
Saturday, October 6, 2018	Seminar 2
Thursday, October 11, 2018	Field Day 2
Saturday, October 27, 2018	Seminar 3
Thursday, November 8, 2018	Field Day 3
Saturday, November 17, 2018	Seminar 4
Thursday, November 29, 2018	Field Day 4
Saturday, December 1, 2018	Seminar 5

### Tuition

The tuition for the FOCUS Coro™ Women In Leadership program is \$2,000. Often this fee is paid by the participant's employer.

Partial scholarships are available for qualifying candidates after selection into the program.

“For me, the strong network of Coro WIL women I’ve met and continue to meet has been a great experience. Coro WIL connects you to the community, helps you plug in with other change agents, and you walk away with a better understanding of the role you can play in affecting change.”

*Shuntae Shields Ryan, Boys & Girls Club of Greater St. Louis, Coro WIL Class 62*

### Upon Program Completion

Graduates gain...

- Improved leadership effectiveness to apply to their personal and professional life
- Increased appreciation for diversity of perspectives in personal and professional affiliations
- A deeper understanding of community issues and how to get involved
- Enhanced ability to network within the community and access to resources to produce results
- A strong network of FOCUS program graduates and members from throughout the region



### For more information

Contact Stefania Hoffman, Leadership Program Manager, at (314) 657-4024 or stefaniah@focus-stl.org.

### About FOCUS St. Louis

FOCUS St. Louis is the region's premier leadership organization, preparing diverse leaders to work cooperatively for a thriving St. Louis region through experience-based leadership training, civic issue education and public engagement initiatives. As a neutral convener and facilitator, FOCUS engages citizens to deliberate on critical regional community issues in a trusted, nonpartisan space.

FOCUS offers a continuum of seven leadership programs to engage leaders from high school students to senior executives. Program alumni have been inspired to launch new nonprofit agencies, start businesses, and run for political offices. They serve on hundreds of boards and provide thousands of hours of volunteer work. FOCUS alumni and members are leaders who make a difference.

We **educate** leaders. We **connect** leaders. We **facilitate** the important conversations.