



## Nikao Leadership Institute (NLI) Application

Revision 1.1 May 4, 2017

1. Deadline for NLI applications is March 1 before the beginning of the Fall term.
2. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.
3. You will be notified by email regarding the status of your application.
4. If you have any question about the application, please contact [nikao@calvary.edu](mailto:nikao@calvary.edu).

### **Mission**

The Nikao Leadership Institute is designed to equip, support, and mentor undergraduate students who demonstrate spiritual maturity, leadership qualities and commitment to become the skilled and godly leaders of tomorrow.

### **Purpose**

- To equip Nikao Leadership Institute students through class content, leadership summits, professional opportunities, and meaningful community service initiatives and activities.
- To mentor Nikao Leadership Institute students through peer-to-peer and advisor-to-peer relationships, evaluation and assessment, and personal coaching.
- To support Nikao Leadership Institute students through full-tuition scholarships for 12 hours per semester.

### **Candidate Selection Criteria**

The NLI Admissions Committee considers a small number of candidates each year, based on demonstrated leadership ability and commitment, academic achievement, community engagement, reputation, and communication skills. Admission to the NLI is competitive and limited.

- To be considered, applicants must be completing or have completed high school successfully with a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.4, and achieve a minimum score of 24 on the ACT, or a minimum score of 1140 on the SAT, or demonstrate exceptional leadership experience.
- Applicants must be accepted for enrollment as a degree seeking student at Calvary University.
- Applicants must complete and submit a NLI application by March 1 before beginning Fall term.
- Applicants must complete an essay on “Making a Difference,” and be available for an interview either in person or online.
- Accepted candidates must be on-campus dorm students enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.

### **Timeline**

- Applications are due March 1 before the beginning of the Fall term.
- Applicants will be notified of application status by April 1 before the beginning of the Fall term

## **Application Process**

### **Scholarship Applicants Must Provide:**

- Completed application form

- Two letters of recommendation
- An essay about "Making a Difference"
- Photograph of applicant

Please submit all application materials via email to [nikao@calvary.edu](mailto:nikao@calvary.edu) or complete the application online at:

## Nikao Leadership Institute Application

*Must be filled out by applicant*

Please submit your answers below. This application consists of nine parts.

1. Personal Information
2. Parent/Guardian Information
3. Educational background
4. Financial Information
5. Leadership Information
6. General Information
7. Making a Difference Essay
8. Final Checklist
9. Statement of Accuracy

Completing a full application does not guarantee acceptance into the Nikao Leadership Institute. If not selected, your application will be stored in our database for review should an opportunity become available.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Gender: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Will you now or in the future require sponsorship for employment Visa Status?
5. Permanent mailing Address: Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Primary Telephone Number: (        )  
Secondary Telephone Number: (        )  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Best time and days to contact you? \_\_\_\_\_  
Will you allow us to send you text messages? \_\_\_\_\_
7. I will be attending Calvary University in the Fall of this current year: Yes No  
Address/ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Year of High School graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Will you be a full-time student? (minimum 12 hrs) Yes No

10. Will you live on campus? Yes No

11. Do your plans include attending Calvary University year round, including summer?

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND GOALS

1. High School:

2. List the name of any college or university you have attended:

3. Cumulative GPA:

*\*A copy of transcripts is required to be on file in Admissions office of Calvary University*

4. ACT/ SAT Score:

*\*A copy of your ACT or SAT score is required to be on file in the admissions office of Calvary University*

College/ University attended?	Year Began	Year Ended	Year Graduated	Type of Degree or grade received/Hours

## LEADERSHIP INFORMATION

1. **SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** Please list all school extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Note leadership roles and dates.
2. **AREA OF STUDY:** What do you want to study and why?
3. **ORGANIZATIONS:** Please list community organizations such as service, volunteer and religious organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Note leadership roles if any.
4. **EMPLOYMENT:** Please list jobs you have held and skills you have developed through each job.
5. **RECOGNITIONS:** Please list important awards and recognitions received. Note organizations who presented the honor and date.
6. **CAREER PLANS:** What is your first, second, and third career interest?

## GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Why are you seeking acceptance into The Nikao Leadership Institute?
2. What type of high school are you attending?
3. Do you currently have a mentor, and if so, please describe the mentorship.
4. The Nikao Leadership Institute requires four consecutive years. Are you prepared to commit for the duration of the program?
5. Have you ever been convicted of a crime(s) (felony, misdemeanor including DUI) other than routine traffic citation? If yes, give date, place, and outcome.
6. Do you have a valid driver's license?
7. Do you have transportation?

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE ESSAY**

Submit an essay addressing (1) what things have made a difference in your life, (2) how you plan to make a difference in the lives of others, and (3) a key leader or leaders who have been influential in your life, and what qualities of leadership they display. (500 word minimum)

**FINAL CHECKLIST**

The following items must be included for the application to qualify to be reviewed by NLI Admissions Committee. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application.

(No exceptions.) Click “YES” or “NO” to be sure you have attached each item as required.

YES	NO	<b>Completed Application Form</b>
YES	NO	<b>Two Letters of Recommendation</b>
YES	NO	<b>Essay on “Making a Difference”</b>
YES	NO	<b>Photograph of Applicant</b>

**STATEMENT OF ACCURACY**

I hereby affirm that all the above-stated information provided by me to the Nikao Leadership Institute is true, correct and without forgery. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote The Nikao Leadership Institute. I hereby understand that if chosen to participate in the Nikao Leadership Institute, I must complete the semester of requirements in good standing in order to continue in the Institute.

Signature of scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*"It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His <sup>own</sup> life a ransom for many."*

**Matthew 20:26-28**

