

SOUTH GEORGIA WOMEN'S
LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE



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*Cultivating Women's Leadership & Capacity
in South Georgia*

PARTICIPANT APPLICATION
September 2023 – March 2024

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 11, 2023 @ 5pm

The South Georgia Women's Leadership Initiative (SGWLI) seeks to empower and elevate female leaders throughout South Georgia to grow and thrive professionally and personally.

We will do so by:

- Building compassion and capacity to support others in their journeys to improve the vitality of South Georgia;
- Educating and strengthening female leaders to tackle the issues that impact the lives of women and families across the region;
- Empowering women to serve as advocates for the region and those who live here;
- Establishing a strong network of impassioned women who are committed to the current and future success of South Georgia.

We invite you to join us in accelerating your own leadership journey, while also expanding the strength, vibrancy, and capacity of our region.

Applications are due by August 11, 2023. The program will launch September 2023, with sessions held throughout South Georgia. Culminating the experience, there will be an "Empowerment Celebration" March 2024. The cost to participate in the program is \$1,000.00. Check payments can be made to South Georgia Leads. Contact us for other ways to pay.

If you are interested in participating, please submit your signed application to Toni Reid southgawomenslx@gmail.com by 5:00pm on Friday, August 11th.

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

**All information provided within the application will remain confidential and is used for selection purposes by South Georgia Women’s Leadership Initiative only.*

Please provide sufficient information for the SGWLI Selection Committee to review and determine your qualifications based on your current skills, previous engagement, and commitment to regional impact. To ensure participants selected reflect the diversity of the region, you are asked to specify your sex, race, and/or ethnicity. Responses to those questions are optional however encouraged.

BASIC INFORMATION

LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL

PREFERRED NAME (FOR NAME TAGS/TENTS, MEDIA, ETC.)

HOME ADDRESS CITY/COUNTY ZIP

PREFERRED PHONE EMAIL

AGE RACE/ETHNICITY

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU LIVED/WORKED IN SOUTH GEORGIA?

T-SHIRT SIZE: _____

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

NAME OF EMPLOYER SUPERVISOR’S NAME

BUSINESS ADDRESS CITY ZIP

BUSINESS PHONE EMAIL

CURRENT TITLE/POSITION NUMBER OF YEARS IN PRESENT POSITION

Which of the following best describes your present position? Please check one:

- BUSINESS
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- EDUCATION (PRIMARY, SECONDARY, HIGHER)
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRY
- NON-PROFIT
- PROFESSIONAL
- FAITH-BASED/RELIGIOUS
- SOCIAL SERVICE
- VOLUNTEER
- OTHER

MAJOR JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS (IF ANY)

What do you consider to be your highest professional achievement so far? *(Please limit response to 200 words.)*

EDUCATION *(Begin with high school, college, advanced degrees and/or specialized trainings.)*

A. Name and Location of School	Dates	Degree	Major
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LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please describe up to, but no more than, three (3) civic, business, religious, political, or social activities that you have participated in within the past three years. Please indicate the name of the organization, your role, and the impact the activity has had locally or regionally. *(Please limit response to 200 words.)*

Please describe the accomplishment of which you are most proud that affected positive community or regional change in the last three years. *(Please limit response to 200 words.)*

Please identify any leadership programs, locally, regionally, or statewide that you have been involved in previously. What has been the greatest benefit or moment of personal impact from each experience? *(Please limit response to 200 words.)*



PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

In your opinion, what is unique or different about the female leadership experience? Explain why you think female leadership capacity is important to South Georgia's success? *(Please limit response to 200 words.)*

What do you feel are the three most critical issues facing women in South Georgia and why are they important to be addressed? *(Please limit response to 200 words.)*

Please describe the greatest challenge you have faced within your professional or personal life serving as a female leader. How did you respond to that challenge and what did you learn from that experience? *(Please limit response to 200 words.)*

What skills and resources do women in South Georgia need to thrive in leadership? *(Please limit response to 200 words.)*

If you are selected to participate in the inaugural program of SGWLI, what do you hope to gain from the program? *(Please limit response to 200 words.)*

If selected to participate, what assets, skills or networks might you bring to the program? How would you contribute to the SWGLI program and to the success of women in the region? *(Please limit response 200 words.)*



LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Please provide two (2) letters of reference for participation in SGWLI. These may be professional, civic/volunteer, or personal references. Please have letters sent in PDF format directly to Toni Reid at southgawomenslx@gmail.com. Letters must be received **no later than August 11, 2023**.

Reference #1

LAST NAME FIRST NAME

ORGANIZATION

PHONE EMAIL

Reference #2

LAST NAME FIRST NAME

ORGANIZATION

PHONE EMAIL

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Local Newspaper and Contact Information:

CONTACT LAST NAME FIRST NAME

PUBLICATION EMAIL

South Georgia Women's Leadership Initiative (SGWLI) Program Calendar (2023-2024)

Please save the dates below on your calendar for SGWLI Sessions.

Session	Date(s)*	Time*
Session #1: Kick-Off Retreat (Albany) Day One (Overnight Required) Day Two	September 2023 September 2023	1-9pm 8am-3pm
Session #2: Business, Industry & Entrepreneurship (Tifton)	October 2023	9am-4pm
Session #3: Planning & Managing for Non-Profit Success (Valdosta)	November 2023	9am-4pm
Session #4: Healthcare & Mental Wellbeing (Americus)	December 2023	9am-4pm
Session #5: Education & Encore Careers (Thomasville)	February 2024	9am-4pm
Session #6: Policy-Making & Holding Elected Office (Moultrie)	October 2023	9am-4pm
Empowerment Celebration! (Cairo)	March 2024	9am-2pm

**Dates and times of each session may be subject to change.*

Please return this completed application to:

Toni Reid, Tifton Area Manager
Georgia Power Company
South Georgia Women's Leadership Initiative
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