



The Society of International Business Fellows (SIBF) selects, educates and connects leaders throughout the world who share a keen interest in geopolitics, global leadership and culture. Founded in 1981, SIBF is a distinguished networking organization of CEOs, presidents and other senior executives who are active in global commerce. SIBF Leadership Academy graduates in good standing will become members in SIBF and join the growing network of global business and professional leaders developed through the global leadership academies.

## JOINING SIBF

Please complete the entire application to give the SIBF Leadership Academy Selection Committee a thorough understanding of your abilities, accomplishments and commitment. All questions should be answered fully and thoughtfully. Application materials submitted by, or on behalf of, an applicant, will be kept strictly confidential. New member biographical profiles, based on information from the application, will be included in the SIBF Membership Directory and on the private member site.

## MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

- **High potential leaders and future leaders** with a demonstrated interest in global business and culture
- **Age** ranging from 28 to 45
- **Commitment** to Academy and its curriculum, and upon completion, to becoming an active member of SIBF
- **Character** and integrity must be without question

## ACADEMY FEES

- **Academy Program Fee - \$8,500:** Must be submitted upon acceptance into the Academy. Your fee includes Academy tuition, initiation fee for SIBF membership, all program materials, lodging, most meals, and program activities. (It does not include transportation to the program site).

## APPLICATION PROCESS

To be considered for the SIBF Leadership Academy Class of 2017, a completed application and the following must be submitted:

- **Three letters of recommendation** from individuals having direct knowledge of your qualifications and character. These letters should describe the nature and length of the relationship with you and, to the extent possible, address your character and accomplishments.
  - *One letter should be from an SIBF member (your sponsor)*
  - *One letter should be from a direct supervisor (if applicable)*
  - *One letter should come from a business contact (vendor, client, etc.)*
- The completed letters should be addressed to the **SIBF Leadership Academy Selection Committee** and either submitted with your application or emailed directly to SIBF by the individuals providing your recommendations. *Applications without letters of recommendation will not be considered.*
- A **recent, color digital photo** to be used in Academy materials and, upon completion of the program, published on the [www.sibf.org](http://www.sibf.org) website and in the SIBF Member Directory if accepted for membership. Email digital photo (minimum 300 dpi) to [academy@sibf.org](mailto:academy@sibf.org).

## SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Complete your [application online](#) or submit via e-mail or fax.  
[academy@sibf.org](mailto:academy@sibf.org) phone: 404.525.7423 fax: 404.525.5331

## NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

Applications for the SIBF Leadership Academy Class of 2017 will be reviewed by the **Academy Selection Committee** before being submitted to the SIBF Membership Committee for final approval. A member of the Selection Committee will notify you upon approval.

## 2017 SIBF LEADERSHIP ACADEMY APPLICATION

Please answer questions fully and accurately. **Print or type** all responses and limit your replies to the space provided.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Name (Last, First, Middle)	Familiar Name
Business Title/Position	Company
Business Address	City, State, Postal Code, Country
Business Telephone	E-mail Address

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Home Address	City, State, Postal Code, Country
Home Telephone	Cell Phone
Spouse/Partner Name	Name(s) of child(ren)
Spouse E-mail Address	Applicant: _____ Spouse/Partner: _____ Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)

### EDUCATION

Name and Location of College/University <i>(If applicable)</i>	Degree/Year	Area of Study
Name and Location of Graduate School <i>(If applicable)</i>	Degree/Year	Area of Study

### BUSINESS INFORMATION

Please describe your specific responsibilities in your current position.

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Please describe your current international involvement, or interest in international business.

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## ACTIVITIES

List any professional, educational or civic organizations of which you are a member.

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List any volunteer or community activities.

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## INTERESTING FACTS

Tell us three interesting things about yourself that aren't related to work.

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## NETWORKING

To help foster peer-to-peer networking, please complete the following statements.

I would be interested in networking with SIBF and affiliate members (*CELA, MELA and SEALA*) who:

*Sample answers: 'are knowledgeable about sources of start-up capital', 'have experience expanding their businesses internationally', 'have advice on pursuing an MBA or other post-graduate work', 'are active volunteers in the community.'*

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I can be helpful to SIBF and its affiliate members (*CELA, MELA and SEALA*) who:

*Sample answers: 'want to learn more about my particular area of expertise' (please elaborate), 'want to establish networks with younger executives', 'need advice on utilizing social media in business', 'are interested in unique family vacations'.*

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## ACADEMY EXPECTATIONS

What do you expect from your participation in the Academy and membership in SIBF?

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**SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS & HANDLES/USERNAMES** *(list all the apply)*

LinkedIn \_\_\_\_\_ Instagram \_\_\_\_\_  
Twitter \_\_\_\_\_ Google+ \_\_\_\_\_  
Facebook \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

**Three letters of recommendation** from individuals having direct knowledge of your qualifications for, and commitment to, participating in the SIBF Leadership Academy are required. These letters should describe the nature and length of the relationship with you and, to the extent possible, address your character and accomplishments.

- o *One letter should be from an SIBF member (your sponsor)*
- o *One letter should be from a direct supervisor (if applicable)*
- o *One letter should come from a business contact (vendor, client, etc.)*

Please list below the name and telephone number of each person providing your letters of recommendation. These letters should be addressed to the **Academy Selection Committee** and either submitted with your application or emailed directly to SIBF at [academy@sibf.org](mailto:academy@sibf.org) by the individuals providing your letters of recommendation. **You are responsible for receipt of these letters by SIBF. Applications without letters of recommendation will not be considered.**

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Recommender #1 (Name, Business and Telephone Number)

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Recommender #2 (Name, Business and Telephone Number)

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Recommender #3 (Name, Business and Telephone Number)

**CERTIFICATION & FINANCIAL COMMITMENT**

I understand that participation in the SIBF Leadership Academy requires my active participation and commitment and that attendance in both sessions of the Academy are required. I certify that all statements made in this application are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and made in good faith. I understand that items contained herein may be independently verified. I accept these terms as a condition of my acceptance into the program.

**I understand the Academy Program Fee of \$8,500 is due upon my acceptance.**

I understand and accept the above Certification and Financial Commitment statements:

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Signature Date

**WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

If accepted as a participant in the SIBF Leadership Academy and member of the Society of International Business Fellows (SIBF), I agree and acknowledge that I am undertaking such participation in events and programs as my own free and intentional act, and I am fully aware that possible physical injury might occur to me as a result of my participation. I give this acknowledgement freely and knowingly and, as a result, I am able to participate in SIBF events and programs and do hereby assume responsibility for my own well-being.

**PHOTO RELEASE**

Upon acceptance, unless otherwise stated in writing, SIBF may reproduce my name, company name, contact information and photo or likeness in the SIBF Membership Directory, including a directory on SIBF's private member website. At SIBF's discretion, my photo or likeness may be reproduced in member newsletters and other communications during the term of my membership.

I accept the above stated Waiver and Release of Liability, and Photo Release statements:

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Signature Date