

# 2026 GREAT LAKES BAY Hispanic Leadership Institute

## Mission Statement

The GREAT LAKES BAY HISPANIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (GLBHLI) provides individuals the opportunity to develop the skills and relationships to become effective leaders. It provides a program that prepares and supports future visionary leaders who improve their lives and the community.

## MINIMUM QUALIFICATION

- Must be a U.S. Citizen.
- Must have a High School Diploma or GED minimum.
- You do not have to be Latino to enroll in the program.

## Cost

The NON-REFUNDABLE Program registration fee of \$35 is required from all individuals accepted into the program and is **due by February 22, 2026**. GLBHLI accepts Checks or PayPal (glbhli@svsu.edu). **Those applying before February 10 will have the registration fee waived.**

## Mandatory Meetings & Required Events

- All classes and events are listed on the Master Agenda. (Attached)
- In addition, participants must complete the following before graduation from the program, which includes:
  - 1) 10 Individual Volunteer Hours
  - 2) 15 Group Volunteer Events (with other Ambassadors) (Minimum three different events),
  - 3) 5 Hours Hispanic Community Events (we will give you options),
- In addition, you must participate in other fundraisers instead of the program's actual tuition fee.
- Participants must attend a MANDATORY orientation event scheduled for **March 2026 on Zoom**.

## APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

All applications must be **submitted by February 22, 2026**, to be considered for Cohort 16, **which runs from March 2026 to November 2026, with a graduation ceremony in February of the following year**. Classes meet as scheduled on the "Program Agenda," plus other activities, such as volunteering/networking, as planned. Please note that classes are primarily online via Zoom, with just three in-person events; your attendance is required. Absences from any class must be made up with an approved makeup class; we will offer options at your own expense. (We do not pay for makeup classes if you miss a scheduled class.)

**You MUST submit an electronic copy of the APPLICATION to mbreyes@glbhispanicleadership.org by the deadline. Note: The Complete Application and Checklist must be included to be considered. No Exceptions. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

**Applicants will be notified by FEBRUARY 20, 2026, of their acceptance into Cohort 16 of the GLBHLI. You will be required to attend the GLBHLI ORIENTATION scheduled for MARCH 2026, as listed on the agenda, at which you will meet other members accepted into the program and program coordinators. In addition, the registration fee (if you receive a scholarship for registration) must be paid by February 22, 2026.**

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## Applicant Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First M.I.*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address Apartment/Unit #*

\_\_\_\_\_ *City State ZIP Code*

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate.: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you use Text: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about GLBHLI: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a citizen of the United States? YES  NO  If not, are you authorized to work in the U.S.? YES  NO

Do you understand that you must have a Facebook account for this class? YES  NO  What is your FB name? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you understand that you must check your email and the GLBHLI Facebook group page to stay up to date on GLBHLI Information? YES  NO

## Education

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ Did you graduate? YES  NO  Diploma: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ Did you graduate? YES  NO  Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

## References

*Please list one non-related professional reference.*

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment or Volunteer Agency**

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 How Long: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Have you notified your employer about the program? YES NO

Should we send a letter to your Direct Supervisor announcing your acceptance into this program? YES NO

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY, ANSWER, AND INITIAL**

ARE YOU ABLE AND WILLING TO TAKE 3 DAYS OFF FOR MANDATORY CLASSES HELD DURING DAY WORKING HOURS? YES NO

Do you understand that ALL CLASS SESSIONS, Loons Event, Final Session, and Graduations are MANDATORY? And that you will not be able to graduate from the program without completing them. YES NO

Have you reviewed GLBHLI's Agenda and understood that you are responsible for scheduling vacations and other activities around this schedule? This means that, just like a job, you are expected to be there. YES NO

Do you understand that any missed classes must be made up at your expense with an approved course equivalent to the class you missed? YES NO

<b>Important Dates for Application</b>	
<b>Early Application (Registration Waived)</b>	<b>February 10, 2026</b>
<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>February 22, 2026</b>
<b>Registration Fee Deadline</b>	<b>February 22, 2026</b>
<b>Applicants Notified of Acceptance</b>	<b>February 25, 2026</b>
<b>Orientation Session on Zoom</b>	<b>March 10, 2026</b>

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## DECLARATION / COMMITMENT DOCUMENT

*In submitting this application, you affirm that to the best of your knowledge, the information you have provided in this application is true and accurate. You also understand and commit to attending the Mandatory Meetings & Events Required. I understand that some monthly meetings are on Zoom or Online at scheduled times, and there are three on-site classes from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm as scheduled.*

### **READ AND INITIAL EACH LINE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE REQUIREMENT!**

I understand that I must attend all required sessions. I know that I must arrive on time for each session and that the camera must be on during each Zoom class/session.

I understand participants must complete ALL volunteer hours required for individual, group, and Hispanic Heritage events.

I understand I must participate in group fundraisers, which offset the program tuition fee.

I understand that I must submit a registration and fees, payable to GLBHLI, by the date indicated on the first page of this form. Payment must be by check or PayPal (glbhli@svsu.edu), and the application must be emailed to mbreyes@glbhispanicleadership.org. The deposit is non-refundable if the candidate drops or is removed from the program for any reason.

I understand that failure to meet the commitments listed above will be grounds for termination of the program. In addition, if not all Mandatory Meetings and Events required above are met, I will not be eligible for graduation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### **To be considered complete, an application must include the following materials:**

- **Complete the Application form and sign the "Declaration/Commitment Document."**
- **KEEP A COPY OF THIS APPLICATION FOR YOUR RECORDS. WE WILL REFER TO IT!**
- **COMPLETED APPLICATION SHOULD BE RETURNED BY EMAIL to [mbreyes@glbhispanicleadership.org](mailto:mbreyes@glbhispanicleadership.org)  
Save the file as "Your Name" or SCAN the completed application—NO PHOTOS/JPEGS OF APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED.**