



Connect Mobile

A Mobile United Program

Class of 2020 Application

Deadline: February 1, 2020

Mobile United invites you to apply for our newest program, Connect Mobile, designed specifically for Young Professionals, beginning spring 2020. The program was created to engage professionals ages 21-35 in the Mobile area who are interested in gaining leadership skills and becoming trustees of our community. The program is an extension of Mobile United's mission to identify and train a network of leaders who work towards leveraging collective impact for the greater good. Connect Mobile serves as a means of bridging the Youth Leadership and Leadership Mobile programs, as well as connect the participants to each other as they actively network, team build and problem-solve.

You may download an application on Mobile United's website (www.mobileunited.org) or complete the following identical application. Please learn about Connect Mobile, including its required time and financial commitment below, before applying.

QUALIFICATIONS

All applicants must:

- Be between 21-35 years old.
- Commit the **required time** to Connect Mobile.
- Use her or his leadership skills and knowledge for the long-term benefit of the community.

CRITERIA

Connect Mobile is a leadership development program that provides up-and-coming leaders the opportunity to develop new skills and acquire the resources necessary to engage in their community. It is designed to inform, engage and increase awareness through interaction with community leaders. It also provides class members an opportunity for applied leadership through the project phase. Members are selected based on the following criteria:

- High standards of personal integrity;
- Sincere and strong desire to increase community involvement;
- Commitment necessary of the time and effort to complete the program; and
- Representation from a cross-section of the population.

While applications are confidential, Mobile United may use the information submitted by class members in printed materials. To assist in selecting a class that reflects the diversity of the community, applicants are asked - but not required - to specify their gender, race and/or ethnicity.

ATTENDANCE

Check your calendar prior to applying. Compare the following dates to your calendar to ensure no known conflicts exist prior to applying. Please reserve these dates until you are informed of your application status in February. Participants must be present at the Opening Retreat and class presentation day in order to graduate.

Connect Mobile participants are expected to attend all sessions, including the mandatory Opening Retreat in March and Project Presentation in September. No more than two excused session absences are permitted.

PLEASE NOTE: Any participant who has an unexcused absence, misses the Opening Retreat or is absent for more than two functions will be dropped from the program and will not graduate with their classmates.

March 5, 2020	Open networking event	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
March 21, 2020*	Opening retreat	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
April 10, 2020	Networking event	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
April 23, 2020	Seminar Day	8 a.m. - noon
May 7, 2020	Networking event	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
May 21, 2020	Seminar Day	8 a.m. - noon
June 4, 2020	Networking event	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
June 18, 2020	Seminar & Project Selection Day	8 a.m. - noon
June-September	Independent project phase	
September 17, 2020*	Project Presentation	6 p.m.

*Denotes mandatory attendance

TUITION

Tuition for Connect Mobile is \$700.00. The participant and/or employer/sponsor will be expected to pay tuition in full by February 28, 2020. Tuition covers all program costs, including food, class materials and staff time. Tuition is non-refundable in whole or part in the event that the participant fails to complete the program due to non-attendance or other circumstances.

APPLICATION TIPS

- Information contained in this application determines whether you will be selected for the program. Answer questions thoroughly, completely and sincerely.
- Take time to highlight what unique professional and personal experiences and perspectives you bring to the group.
- Past community service or volunteerism is considered, however, a desire to deepen involvement is very important.
- No acronyms, please.
- Type application answers, if at all possible.

Part 1: CONNECT MOBILE APPLICATION

- Applicants will be notified of selection status by February 7, 2020

Name: Last: _____ First: _____ MI: _____

Name you prefer to be called: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Gender: Male Female Ethnicity: _____

Preferred Address: Home Office

Preferred Address (Do Not Give PO Box): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

WORK

What type of organization is your employer?

Business

Nonprofit

Government

Employer: _____ Website: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Work E-mail Address: _____

How long have you worked with this organization? _____

Current position: _____

Describe the work of your organization:

How did you learn about Connect Mobile?

EMPLOYMENT

Briefly describe your job responsibilities:

List previous employment in the last three years in reverse chronological order (include active military duty):

EDUCATION

(INCLUDING HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGES, ADVANCED DEGREES, SPECIALIZED TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS)

Name of School
Year

City/State

Degree/Certification

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

What kind of volunteer activities would you like to become involved with in the future?
Why?

List community, civic, religious, governmental, social, athletic, or other areas of
involvement over the past three years:

If you are not currently active in the community, what conditions have changed that now enable you to seek involvement in the community?

What do you see as the most pressing need for the Mobile Area?

Is there anything else you would like to share with us?

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING IN NO MORE THAN 100 WORDS EACH:

1. What would you like to get out of the Connect Mobile Young Professionals Program?
2. What unique perspective or experience can you contribute to Connect Mobile?
3. If you had one week to devote entirely to community service, what would you do and why?

Part 2: SUPERVISOR STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

As the applicant's work supervisor, I certify that this candidate has my full support to participate in Connect Mobile. I am aware of the time commitment necessary and the financial obligation. I recommend this candidate because:

Print: _____ Signed: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

SUPERVISOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization Name:

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

- ☐ My organization **WILL** be paying the tuition of \$700 for this applicant, should he or she be accepted.
- ☐ My organization **WILL NOT** be paying the tuition of \$700 for this applicant; upon acceptance, the applicant will be responsible for his or her own tuition.
- ☐ My organization and the applicant will be **SPLITTING** the cost of tuition. My organization will be responsible for \$_____ and the applicant will be responsible for \$_____.

Part 3: CHARACTER REFERENCE FORM

CONFIDENTIAL

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____ **ORGANIZATION:** _____

The applicant above has requested your evaluation be included as part of their application for Mobile United's Young Professional Leadership Program, Connect Mobile. Your perspective of the applicant's past, current or potential for community involvement and/or professional background will provide the selection committee information on which to base its decision.

After completing this form, please return it to the applicant for submission with the application package, or return it directly to Mobile United (please choose **one** of the following ways to submit):

- ☐ Completed the online application form at www.mobileunited.org.
- ☐ Emailed to cgibson@mobileunited.org
- ☐ Mailed to P.O. Box 1243, Mobile, AL 36633

Please submit this form no later than February 1, 2020. Contact Chris Gibson, Programs Director, at 251-432-1638 or cgibson@mobileunited.org with any questions.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity do you know the applicant? _____

Please tell us why this candidate has potential to influence change as a leader.

Please give an example of a leadership role in which you have seen this candidate perform.

Please share with us any unique aspects of this candidate's background that would contribute to participation in Connect Mobile.

NAME OF REFERENCE (please print):_____

ORGANIZATION:_____ **TITLE:**_____

SIGNATURE:_____ **DATE:**_____

Part 4: STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT:

I understand the mission of Connect Mobile. If selected, I will devote the required time and I will pay my tuition by February 28, 2020. If I am unable to comply with the requirements, I will voluntarily withdraw from the program. I understand that, in the interest of the class experience for all participants, any participant may be removed from the class if, in the opinion of Mobile United, that participant's conduct is not conducive to the work of the group. I further understand that tuition is not refundable in whole or in part.

Signed (applicant): _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- ☐ Applicant meets the criteria and qualifications (found at the beginning of this packet).
- ☐ Employer "Statement of Support" has been signed by the applicant's supervisor.
- ☐ "Character Reference Form" has been submitted by a professional or personal reference.
- ☐ "Statement of Commitment" has been signed by the applicant.
- ☐ Applicant has submitted the application to Chris Gibson, Programs Director by 2/1/20.

Please choose one of the following ways to submit:

- ☐ Emailed to cgibson@mobileunited.org.
- ☐ Mailed to: Mobile United, P.O. Box 1243, Mobile, AL 36633

Please be reminded:

- ☐ If accepted, tuition of \$700.00 will be due February 28, 2020.
- ☐ If accepted, attendance is mandatory at the Opening Retreat and Project Presentation Days.

Connect Mobile will notify all applicants by February 7th, 2020.