Mission:
To equip conservation district leaders to:
• Become national leaders of tomorrow through personal, civic and organizational leadership development in order to meet the future needs of natural resources management.
• Increase their capacity in navigating and managing complex current and future conservation challenges at the national level, which impact conservation districts across the United States.

Purpose:
The purpose of the Next Generation Leadership Institute (NGLI) is to train individuals to rise to the challenge of understanding and directing national, collaborative efforts in locally-led conservation.

Audience:
Currently appointed conservation district officials and district officials with current or potential for a statewide leadership position, and who are committed to future conservation district service. Seven participants will be selected for the inaugural year, one from each NACD Region.

Vision:
To equip leaders in the conservation district movement to be the trusted voice of locally-led conservation efforts from the national to local level.

Sessions:
• Feb. 7-12, 2020: In conjunction with NACD Annual Meeting | Las Vegas, Nev. (3 days required)
• March 2020 (2nd or 3rd week): In conjunction with NACD Fly-In, Washington, D.C. (To be confirmed: depending on legislative calendar)
• July 16-21, 2020: In conjunction with NACD Summer Meeting, Bismarck, N.D. (3 days required)
• Nov. 3-6, 2020: Ardmore, Okla. at Noble Research Institute (all days required)
• Feb. 5-11, 2021: New Orleans, La. – In conjunction with NACD 2021 Annual Meeting – Graduation of 2020 cohort and first session for 2021 NGLI cohort (3 days required)

2020 Program Design Highlights:
• Explore your personal leadership style and conservation ethic.
• Learn to communicate through conflict arising from conservation challenges and diverse political climates.
• Understand the value of civic and organizational leadership.
• Gain practical tools such as needs assessments and strategic planning for both public districts and nonprofit associations.
• Practice leading districts through change and accessing new opportunities.
• Networking with conservation leaders from across the nation

Application and Program Tuition:
The online application period is Aug. 5-Sept. 20, 2019. Visit the NGLI website for application information. Tuition for attendance is $1,200 and is valued at more than $10,000. Travel expenses will be reimbursed; and lodging, meals, materials and instruction are provided.
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