



Western Washington

Rising Star Program



The Path to Leadership

What is the Rising Star Program?

The Rising Star Program was developed by ABC's Leader Development Council to provide member employees a focused track to develop and hone their leadership skills, and empower graduates with the tools necessary to become a better leader within their companies. The skills taught are ones that graduates will be able to use throughout their lives, both personally and professionally, and that may be passed on to their fellow employees. People may either be nominated by their companies to enroll, or they may sign up on their own.

The Rising Star Program Includes All of the Following:

- **Orientation Social & Board Meet & Greet: September 27, 2017 | 4:30 pm Orientation & Social | 5 pm Board Meet & Greet**
All enrolled Rising Stars will be invited to a private orientation and social, where we will go over the course syllabus and the commitment required, and answer any questions about the program. Afterwards they will enjoy food and drinks while socializing with the course instructors and ABC board members.
- **Rising Star Team Building Kick Off Event, Adventura, Woodinville: October 5, 2017 | 3 - 6:15 pm Team Building | 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm Social at Redhook Brewery, Woodinville**
Get to know your fellow Rising Stars! Includes team building activities on the ground, followed by a how-to and safety lesson for safely having fun on the high ropes course. Students aren't required to do the high ropes course, but it is encouraged for the sense of achievement students experience, and as it's a continuation of building the new team. We'll walk over to Redhook afterwards to celebrate!
- **Mid-Point Mixer: Date & location TBD**
The Rising Stars will plan and execute their own networking mixer at a location of their choice staying within a given budget.
- **Graduation Celebration: February 2, 2018 | 4 - 6 pm | Location TBD**
Celebrate your graduation by inviting your supervisor(s) to a social at a local pub. Class instructors and the ABC Board of Directors will also be invited.
- **The 11 Points of Leadership: Each class will run on Thursdays, from 3 to 6 pm at ABC in Bellevue.**
Dates subject to change depending on speakers' schedules.
 - October 26, 2017: Intro to ABC: Government Affairs 101
 - November 2, 2017: Leadership Defined & Skills Required
 - November 9, 2017: Communicating & Understanding Skills
 - December 7, 2017: Planning & Controlling the Group/Team
 - December 14, 2017: Effective Teaching & Representing the Group
 - January 11, 2018: Evaluating & Sharing Leadership
 - January 25, 2018: Counseling & Setting the Example

Special Programs (Included in Price):

- **Enrollment in ABC's Toastmasters Chapter: Ongoing**
Develop and polish your presentation and networking skills! Your choice of either the Tacoma or Bellevue chapter. We'll pay your membership fee for 6 months! You may begin Toastmasters either during or immediately after you complete the Rising Star classes.
- **Enrollment in ABC National's Young Professionals Peer Group:** The ABC National Young Professional Peer Group provides young leaders the opportunity to network and build relationships with peers, industry experts and association leaders across the country.
- **Mentorship:** As part of the Rising Star program, you have the option of being paired with a current board member to act as a resource.
- **Community Service:** Give back to the community and put your leadership skills to the test! The Rising Stars will select either one or multiple community service project(s) to coordinate and complete by the end of the series.

Invest in Your Future By Investing In Your People!

Do you have a Rising Star you've identified in your company? Invest in them, and they will put their new skills to use and show you an immediate ROI.

ABC is Offering Two Diversity Scholarships for the 2017 Rising Star Program!

Each scholarship is for any individual who meets the requirement of a diverse background (woman, minority, disadvantaged, and/or disabled) and who works for an ABC member company. Please see application form on back to apply.

Pricing: \$499 Per ABC Member

Membership in ABC is by company, so all employees of a member company are eligible to receive ABC member pricing. This program is not open to non-members. Contact Victoria Klyce at 800.640.7789 if you have any questions about this program.

2017-2018 ABC Rising Star Program Application

Who is Eligible?

All applicants must be an employee of an ABC of Western Washington member in good standing. Applicants must be able to obtain employer's full support, showing a commitment to giving the personal and financial resources necessary to complete this program.

ABC of Western Washington reserves the right to limit class size to 20 students per program session.

Attendance Policy: Students are expected to be on time and attend all seminars included in the program. Full attendance at all seven of the leadership training sessions, the kick off team building event, participation in the group community service project, at least a six-month participation in an ABC Toastmasters Chapter, and the post-program graduation party is considered required coursework for completion of the program. If an emergency occurs and personal or professional responsibilities require that a student miss a class, they are expected to notify ABC of Western Washington staff of their absence and reason for absence as soon as possible.

Applicant Name: _____ Current Job Title: _____

Company: _____ Email: _____

Office Phone: _____ Cell Number*: _____

**If you would like to be notified of any venue changes or rescheduled dates due to inclement weather.*

Number of years in this position at this firm: _____ Total number of years with this firm: _____

Other positions previously held with this firm: _____

Number of years in the construction industry: _____

Direct Supervisor's Name & Title: _____

Briefly describe your current job responsibilities: _____

What leadership qualities and professional skills do you hope to improve or gain from this program? _____

Do you have the support of your direct supervisor to participate in this program? Yes No

Are you interested in being matched up with a mentor? Yes No

I would like to be considered for one of the diversity grants. I qualify for this grant because: _____

For this program to be successful, maximum participation in all classes and special event activities is expected. In your current position, are you sure you have the ability to commit to this program? Does the location and time of each meeting work with your schedule?

Yes No Applicant Signature: _____

Please scan and email application to victoria@abcwestwa.org, or fax to 425.455.5701 no later than September 15, 2017.