

Razor's Edge Leadership Development Program



Application Process: Phase I – Initial Screening

The Razor's Edge Leadership Development Program is open to first-time college students seeking admission at Nova Southeastern University. Acceptance into this program is very competitive and based upon each student's demonstrated leadership experience, academic record, extracurricular and community activities, and essays.

Please complete your application with all the components listed below for initial consideration and review.

Applications* must include:

1. Completed Application Form
2. Activities Matrix
3. Essay (either Choice A or B found on the Application Form)
4. Two (2) completed Recommendation Forms

** After submitting your application, you will be contacted for an interview.*

We strongly encourage you to submit your materials as soon as possible, in order for your application to receive the most thorough review.

ELIGIBILITY:

- All applicants must submit completed Razor's Edge applications, and – prior to Phase II (Competition Weekend) – they must **complete the NSU admissions application process**. Apply to NSU online at www.nova.edu/admissions/apply.
- Only those applicants who **earn admission to NSU** will be eligible for final section in the Razor's Edge program,

Application Process: Phase II – Competition Weekend

Applicants who successfully meet the initial requirements will be invited to continue to Phase II of the selection process. This involves visiting campus during a Razor's Edge Competition Weekend, which will include exciting, interactive leadership seminars; group interviews; and individual interviews before a panel. Applicants are responsible for their own travel costs to and from NSU. However—once applicants are on campus—all meals, lodging, and program expenses will be covered. Family members may travel with applicants, but only applicants will reside on campus for the weekend. Family members are invited to attend the opening dinner on the first day, and applicants may rejoin family members in the afternoon on the second day. Following is a tentative agenda for upcoming Competition Weekends:

Friday

- 5:00 p.m. – Arrival and check-in
- 5:30 p.m. – Pre-Dinner Reception
- 6:00 p.m. – Dinner and Program
- 7:00 p.m. – Group Ice Breakers
- 7:30 p.m. – Group Leadership Initiatives
- 9:30 p.m. – Social and Snack
- 10:30 p.m. – Return to Accommodations

Saturday

8:00 a.m. – Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – Campus Tour, Leadership Seminar, Personal Interview Rotations

12:15 p.m. – Lunch

1:00 p.m. – Group Interview Sessions

2:30 p.m. – Closing Session

3:00 p.m. – Hall Check-out and Travel Home

The 2011-2012 Application Deadline and Razor's Edge Competition Weekends are as follows. Applicants who successfully complete Phase I and wish to continue their candidacy must attend one of the Competition Weekends. Due to the timeframe involved, it is strongly recommended that applicants complete Phase I as quickly as possible so that they will have greater choice in terms of which Competition Weekend to attend if they are so invited.

Priority Application Deadline

December 2, 2011

Competition Weekend

January 27-28, 2012

February 17-18, 2012

February 24-25, 2012

Only **50** students will be invited to attend each Competition Weekend, thus it is highly recommended that you apply to the program as soon as possible in order to ensure that your application receives the most thorough review.

Application Process: Final Selection

The final selection of Razor's Edge participants is based upon both Phase I and Phase II of the process. Successful applicants will be notified in writing of their acceptance, and they will be asked to agree to those commitments required of all participants of the Razor's Edge program. **PLEASE NOTE: Only applicants who officially earn admission to Nova Southeastern University will be considered for final selection.**

The process and conditions for selection to participate in the Razor's Edge program are subject to change, based upon volume of interest, applications received, availability of funds and other circumstances. For more information, please contact us at:

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All applications, forms and related inquiries may be submitted by mail or fax to:

Razor's Edge Leadership Program

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