McHenry-Sherman-Trimble
End Lung Cancer Now Academy

2027 Application Guide

Application deadline: September 30, 2026
Notifications: Mid-October 2026
Academy period: November 2026–December 2027

Use this guide as your application roadmap. It summarizes the eligibility requirements, information you will provide, short-answer prompts, and documents you should have ready before beginning the online application. If you have any questions, please email ELCNacad@iu.edu.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

Please be prepared to complete the online application in full once you begin. For this application, you cannot save your progress, and responses cannot be saved to come back and complete the application later.

For the best experience, we recommend having all application materials ready before you begin your online application, including:

- Your contact and academic information
- Your four short-answer responses
- Your resume or CV (maximum two pages)
- Documentation verifying your current enrollment and good academic standing
- 1-2 letters of recommendation* *(*Strongly encouraged)*

Eligibility | Applicants must meet all the following criteria.

Eligibility Requirement	Description
Academic Status	Currently enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student in good academic standing at an accredited college or university in Indiana.
Leadership Experience	Have participated in activities that demonstrate leadership, service, teamwork, mentorship, or involvement in your campus or community.
Commitment to Development	Are committed to developing your leadership, communication, and advocacy skills through active participation in the Academy.

Engagement	Can commit to actively participating in learning sessions, coaching/mentorship activities, cohort discussions, and program initiatives throughout the Academy year.
Community Impact	Are interested in applying what you learn through the Academy to create a positive impact in cancer prevention in your campus or community.
Availability	Can participate in the Academy for the full program duration, November 2026–December 2027.

Applicant Information | The online application will ask for the following information. Enter your information as you would like it to appear in Academy communications.

Contact information

- Full name
- Email address
- Phone number
- Mailing address

Academic information

- Institution
- Major/minor
- Degree program (undergraduate or graduate)
- Expected graduation date

Areas of interest: Rank the Academy areas you are most interested in exploring:

- Leadership Development
- Lung Cancer Prevention
- Advocacy & Policy
- Community Engagement
- Health Communication

Short-Answer Questions | Response limit: 2,000 characters per question, including spaces (approximately 300 words).

1. Leadership & Engagement Describe one leadership, employment, research, or community experience that has had the greatest impact on your development.

2. Leadership Strengths What do you consider to be your greatest strength? Describe a specific example of when you demonstrated this strength and what you learned from the experience.

3. Areas for Development Every leader has opportunities for growth. Describe one leadership skill you are working to strengthen. What experiences helped you recognize this opportunity?

4. Leadership Role Model Name a quality in a current or former leader of yours that you hope to reflect or emulate. Why did this quality stand out to you, and what would it contribute to your development in the Academy?

Required Application Uploads | **Note: Only PDFs are accepted.** Upload the following documents with your online application. Before submitting, confirm that each file opens correctly and is clearly labeled with your name.

Resume or CV (Maximum 2 Pages) | Your resume or CV should highlight experiences and accomplishments relevant to leadership and community impact, including any of the following:

- Leadership
- Employment
- Research
- Campus involvement
- Volunteer activities/community service
- Awards and honors
- Professional development

Letters of Recommendation (Two Letters Required) | Request two letters from a faculty member, mentor, supervisor, or another person who knows your work and can speak meaningfully about your potential. Strong letters should address your:

- Character and professionalism
- Leadership potential
- Collaboration and interpersonal skills

Verification of Academic Standing | Provide documentation from your institution verifying that you are currently enrolled and in good academic standing. Acceptable documentation includes:

- Registrar verification letter
- Academic standing letter
- Enrollment verification that includes academic standing

Online Application & Questions

Important: Once you submit the application, you will not be able to make edits. Please review all application components before selecting the final Submit button

Complete and submit the application through the online application portal. If you have questions about the Academy, eligibility, or application requirements, contact:

ELCNacad@iu.edu

Thank you for your interest in the McHenry-Sherman-Trimble End Lung Cancer Now Academy.