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Black Women's Leadership Collective and Emerge Action Fund Launch Groundbreaking Candidate Training for Black Women in North Carolina

Raleigh, NC — Two powerhouse organizations committed to advancing women's political leadership are joining forces to launch a groundbreaking, non-partisan candidate training program tailored specifically for Black women in North Carolina. [The Black Women's Leadership Collective](#) (BWLC) and [Emerge Action Fund](#) announced today that the program will kick off with an in-person gathering on **September 12–13, 2025**, in Raleigh, NC.

This innovative program builds on the work of BWLC's North Carolina chapter, launched in 2024 to strengthen and expand Black women's political power across the state. The comprehensive candidate training will address the unique challenges Black women face on the campaign trail—including fundraising, public speaking, developing a campaign plan, and voter outreach—while equipping participants to be powerful communicators and effective policy advocates. The program will run from September 2025 to January 2026 and include a mix of co-led in-person training sessions and virtual workshops led by Emerge.

Interested participants are encouraged to apply for the program. Applications open **Today, August 1, 2025**, and must be submitted no later than **August 25, 2025**. Space is limited, and all participants will be selected through a brief application process. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance during the first week of September.

Click here to apply and learn more about the program. <https://webportalapp.com/sp/home/eaf>

This is the first joint initiative between BWLC—a national organizing hub representing over 19 million Black women—and Emerge Action Fund, the 501(c)(4) affiliate of Emerge, which works to increase the number of women leaders through recruitment, training, and support. With over 50 Black women currently serving in elected office at the local, state, and federal levels in North Carolina, this training aims to build on that momentum and invest in the next generation of leaders.

BWLC/Emerge Action Fund Candidate Training Program Overview

- The program kicks off with **A Celebration of Black Women**, a networking and welcome event hosted by the BWLC North Carolina chapter on **Friday, September 12 in Raleigh, North Carolina**. Special guests from across North Carolina and the country will join to honor the growing influence of Black women in political leadership.
- **The program** runs from September 2025 – January 2026
- **Application Deadline:** August 25, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

- **Cohort notification:** First week of September 2025
- **To Apply and learn more about the program:** <https://webportalapp.com/sp/home/eaf>
- **Questions about the program can be sent to Bajeyah Eaddy, bweaddy@bellsouth.net**

About the Black Women's Leadership Collective

The Black Women's Leadership Collective (BWLC) is an intergenerational, intersectional organizing hub of national Black women-centered organizations, leaders, and advocates from across the country. Rooted in the power of collective action, BWLC is building, growing, and activating a national network to ensure Black women's voices are heard—in the halls of power, at the ballot box, and in our communities.

Together, we represent and engage millions of Black women through our expansive network. Whether mobilizing voters, shaping policy, or cultivating leadership, BWLC is harnessing the full force of Black women's leadership to drive transformational change across the country.

<https://www.blackwomensleadershipcollective.org>

About Emerge Action Fund

Emerge Action Fund, the c4 sister organization to Emerge, works to strengthen democracy by recruiting, training, and elevating women leaders in politics and civic life. Emerge is the nation's largest network of women elected officials and candidates and has trained over 6,500 women nationwide, preparing them to run for office and win, with more than 1,200 currently serving in elected office at all levels of government.

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