

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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The Franchise Business you will own and operate is a business that offers leadership skills training to individuals, which business operates under the trade name "Academy Leadership $^{\text{TM}}$ .

The total investment necessary to begin operation of an Academy Leadership Franchise ranges from \$39,500 to \$58,500. This includes \$25,000 that must be paid to us or our affiliate.

This Franchise Disclosure Document summarizes certain provisions of your Franchise Agreement and other information in plain English. Read this Franchise Disclosure Document and all accompanying agreements carefully. You must receive this Franchise Disclosure Document at least 14 calendar-days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make any payment to, us or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale or grant. Note, however, that no governmental agency has verified the information contained in this Franchise Disclosure Document.

You may wish to receive this Franchise Disclosure Document in another format that is more convenient for you. To discuss the availability of this Franchise Disclosure Document in different formats, contact Dennis F. Haley, President at 500 Ocean Drive, East 12D, Juno Beach, FL 33408 and (610) 783-6220.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Don't rely on this Franchise Disclosure Document alone to understand your contract. Read all of your contract carefully. Show your contract and this Franchise Disclosure Document to an advisor, like a lawyer or an accountant.

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this Franchise Disclosure Document can help you make up your mind. More information on franchising, such as "A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise," which can help you understand how to use this Franchise Disclosure Document, is available from the Federal Trade Commission. You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP or by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at www.ftc.gov for additional information. Call your state agency or visit your public library for other sources of information on franchising.

There may also be laws on franchising in your state. Ask your state agencies about them.

The date of issuance of this Franchise Disclosure Document is March 24, 2017.



## **STATE COVER PAGE**

Your state may have a franchise law that requires a franchisor to register or file with a state franchise administrator before offering or selling in your state. REGISTRATION OF A FRANCHISE BY A STATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE STATE RECOMMENDS THE FRANCHISE OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

Call the state franchise administrator listed in Exhibit B for information about the franchisor or about franchising in your state.

MANY FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS DO NOT ALLOW YOU TO RENEW UNCONDITIONALLY AFTER THE INITIAL TERM EXPIRES. YOU MAY HAVE TO SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT WITH DIFFERENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE YOUR BUSINESS. BEFORE YOU BUY, CONSIDER WHAT RIGHTS YOU HAVE TO RENEW YOUR FRANCHISE, IF ANY, AND WHAT TERMS YOU MIGHT HAVE TO ACCEPT IN ORDER TO RENEW.

Please consider the following RISK FACTORS before you buy this franchise:

- 1. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US BY MEDIATION, ARBITRATION AND LITIGATION ONLY IN PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA. OUT OF STATE MEDIATION, ARBITRATION AND LITIGATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO MEDIATE, ARBITRATE AND LITIGATE WITH US IN FLORIDA THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT FLORIDA LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- 3. YOU MUST MAKE MINIMUM ROYALTIES AND MATERIALS PAYMENTS REGARDLESS OF YOUR SALES LEVELS. YOUR INABILITY TO MAKE THE PAYMENTS MAY RESULT IN TERMINATION OF YOUR FRANCHISE AND LOSS OF YOUR INVESTMENT.
- 4. BEGINNING IN THE  $7^{TH}$  MONTH AFTER YOU SIGN THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, YOU MUST PAY US A MINIMUM MONTHLY ROYALTY FEE EVEN IF YOUR BUSINESS DOES NOT GENERATE ANY REVENUE. IN ADDITION TO THE MONTHLY ROYALTY FEE, YOU MUST PAY US A REFERRAL FEE OF 20% TO 30% OF ALL REVENUE GENERATED THROUGH OUR MARKETING EFFORTS.
- 5. WE DO NOT HAVE A FEDERAL REGISTRATION FOR OUR PRINCIPAL TRADEMARKS. THEREFORE, OUR TRADEMARKS DO NOT HAVE AS MANY LEGAL BENEFITS AND RIGHTS AS FEDERALLY REGISTERED TRADEMARKS. IF OUR RIGHT TO USE THE TRADEMARKS IS CHALLENGED, YOU MAY HAVE TO CHANGE TO AN ALTERNATE TRADEMARK, WHICH MAY INCREASE YOUR EXPENSES.
  - 6. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

Effective Date: See the next page for state effective dates.



## **STATE EFFECTIVE DATES**

The following states require that the Franchise Disclosure Document be registered or filed with the state, or be exempt from registration: California, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

This Franchise Disclosure Document is registered, on file or exempt from registration in the following states having franchise registration and disclosure laws, with the following effective dates:

<u>State</u>	<b>Effective Date</b>
California	
Hawaii	
Illinois	April 4, 2017
Indiana	September 3, 2017
Maryland	April 14, 2017
Michigan	September 12, 2017
Minnesota	
New York	April 24, 2017
North Dakota	
Rhode Island	
South Dakota	
Virginia	April 21, 2017
Washington	
Wisconsin	

In all the other states, the effective date of this Franchise Disclosure Document is the issuance date of March 24, 2017.

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