

CONNECTING LEADERS FELLOWSHIP (CLFP) INTEREST CALL

2016-17 APPLICATION PROCESS



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OBJECTIVES FOR THIS WEBINAR...

- ① To provide an overview of the Connecting Leaders Fellowship Program
- ② To offer guidance/tips for you through the application process
- ③ To answer your questions!



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2016 - 2017

CONNECTING LEADERS FELLOWSHIP CLASS

APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

APPLY NOW

Submission Deadline: May 18, 2016

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WHY THIS FELLOWSHIP?

- ABFE HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO BLACK LEADERSHIP IN PHILANTHROPY FOR 45 YEARS
- We hear about the challenges and the opportunities within this field we—we want you ready for both.
- You and your career will benefit from a strong network of peers – and they need you, too!
- Invest in your future!



THE CONNECTING LEADERS FELLOWSHIP EXPERIENCE

Overview

- Leadership Summit—November 14-18, 2016; Oakland, CA
- 360 Assessment
- Individualized Executive Coaching—monthly
- Monthly Fellows Call—Cohort Building
 - Group check-ins
 - Guest Speaker webinars
- ABFE Conference gathering with Alumni (optional, but highly recommended)
- Self-created Community Based Learning Project – Where profession meets personal passion.



“CLF was an awesome experience for me. #InvestInYourFuture” – *tweeted by a CLFP alum*

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Four essay questions
- Letter of Recommendation
- Resume/CV

Online Application

- Draft your essays on your computer. Then paste them in the online portal.
- Create a user name and password, to go into your application as often as you would like.
- Trust, but verify – ask for editing help.



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We are 10 years
& 101 Fellows
strong -
Connecting
Leaders



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WHERE DO I BEGIN? HERE'S SOME ADVICE...

- **Write in your own voice – be you!**
 - ABFE and the selection committee wants to get to know the real you.
 - Avoid jargon and “philanthrop—ese”.
 - Great books by Tony Proscio: In Other Words; Bad Words for Good; When Words Fail. FREE: <http://www.comnetwork.org/2010/08/jargon-books/>
 - Tell your story.
- **Sounding Board - Talk to your recommender about why you want the Fellowship**
 - Help craft your recommendation, let your recommender know what is important to you.
- **Find examples of Leadership in your work experience/stories**
 - Don't be afraid to “toot your own horn”.
 - Push for the results and outcomes YOU want.
 - Self-advocacy isn't a crime.



**Be
yourself.
Everybody
else is
taken.**
-Oscar Wilde-

CLFP OBJECTIVES – FROM OUR COACH

Operating Definition

- Leadership is an action, not a position
- Anyone can lead at any time, anywhere
- It starts with you and must engage others
- Your purpose must be clear
- It is risky
- Leadership is morally/ethically neutral; we have to choose positive, ethical, authentic leadership

Competencies	Civic & Sector Understanding	Network & Relationship Building	Leadership	Ethics & Authenticity	Engagement & Action
Objectives	Understanding Complexities of Black Community Understanding How Philanthropy Works & Capabilities	Establish regional/national / intergenerational <u>network</u> Gain confidence in using –accessing network	Understanding leadership & personal leadership style/strengths Gain confidence/ experience in leading	Recommit to personal ethics, values and authentic voice Gain confidence/ experience in being authentic up-stander for Black Communities	Find passion Activate network Jump in
Tools	RPBC Best Practices Group calls	ABFE BPN AALF model Group calls Mentoring	360 Coaching Group calls Mentoring	Coaching Group calls Network support	Community based learning project ABFE task forces



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IMPORTANT INFO

- Application process closes - May 18, 2016 at 11:59 pm
- The 2016-17 cohort notified by July 17th
- Cost **\$1,000** for the year - payment due within 60 days of acceptance
- Active ABFE membership during the Fellowship (individual or institutional)

QUESTIONS?



APPLY TODAY



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