



ABFE

A Philanthropic Partnership for Black Communities

2018-2019 ABFE Connecting Leaders Fellowship Program Application Questions

(*Please note we will only accept applications submitted via this link)

All fellows are required to participate in the ABFE Leadership Summit, which is scheduled November 11-16, 2018. Are you available to attend the five-day ABFE Leadership Summit if you are selected?

Are you a current member of ABFE?

Have you attended an ABFE conference or regional gathering?

Do you belong to your local Blacks in Philanthropy group (BPN; BIP)?

Connecting Leader's Fellowship Application 2018-2019: Essay Questions

Please answer the following questions in the space provided. Each essay question has room for 300 words.

In the Connecting Leaders Fellowship, we often speak of "stepping into a leadership moment," which are those opportunities when a change needs to occur and someone has to catalyze that change. Often, the "leader" in these moments does not necessarily have the position or authority to lead the change, yet he or she leads, nonetheless.

Describe for us a "leadership moment," you have encountered. What change needed to

occur? Did the change take place? What role did you play? What did you learn about yourself as a leader from this experience? (please limit your response to 300 words)

Tell us about experiences you have had leading teams, projects, or initiatives. From the successful experiences, what did you do to make it successful? From those in which the outcome did not meet your expectations, what were the challenges? How will you set up your next opportunity for success from the outset? (please limit your response to 300 words)

What issues or challenges facing Black Communities are of most interest to you at this time? What role do you see organized philanthropy playing in addressing these issues or challenges more effectively? (please limit your response to 300 words)

We often speak of ABFE as the place where "personal passion connects with professional mission." Please reflect upon the journey of your career to date and anticipate the career you want to create going forward. What difference do you want to make through your work? What skills and experiences do you need to gather to meet your goals? What role do you see the Connecting Leaders Fellowship playing in your career journey? Check out The Exit Interview to learn about some experiences from current and former Black professionals in philanthropy. (please limit your response to 300 words)

ABFE recently launched the Black Social Change Funders Network. It includes our case for Black social change. Tell us, what does Black Social Change mean to you? (please limit your response to 300 words)

As part of the CLFP application, please provide a copy of your resume and a letter of recommendation (from someone who knows your work well). You can also email your resume and letter of recommendation to abfeprograms@gmail.com.