

Community Leaders Program Application

What is ACLF Northwest?

ACLF Northwest (ACLF) is a community-based nonprofit organization that trains and supports the leadership and civic engagement of Asian Pacific Islanders with a commitment to social justice, community empowerment, and public service. ACLF offers its Community Leaders Program (CLP) to educate its cohort participants about the significant contributions of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the Pacific Northwest.

What is the Community Leaders Program (CLP)?

CLP is an immersive, experiential learning program that provides participants with access and exposure to local community leaders, including nonprofit executive directors and elected officials. Participants in the program will be given opportunities to learn from and interact with these leaders through monthly workshops, panels, and dialogues as well as apply their lessons learned to a group project.

What are CLP's objectives?

- Foster compassionate and self-reflective API leaders that are interested in exploring social, economic and political issues.
- Strengthen inter-group collaboration through sharing knowledge and understanding of diverse perspectives in the API community.
- Cultivate leaders that value and practice coalition-building to benefit the community at large.

Ready to apply?

APPLICANT CRITERIA

CLP seeks to attract a diverse set of candidates from private, public and nonprofit sectors.

- Individuals with a strong interest in and commitment to social justice, community empowerment and public service.
- Individuals with an interest and desire to positively impact their communities.
- Individuals who genuinely wish to enhance and develop their leadership skills through direct action.
- Individuals who are able to meet the program commitments from early April through mid-November.

What is the program commitment?

Participating in the Community Leaders Program involves a serious, ongoing time commitment.

- Accepted applicants must strongly commit to attending regularly scheduled sessions and participate in community events from mid-April through early November. Workshop sessions are scheduled for every other Wednesday evening, twice a month, from 6pm-8pm with a light dinner provided at 5:30pm.
- All accepted applicants are **required** to attend an opening retreat scheduled for the weekend April 13-15, 2018, a mid-year retreat on June 23-24, 2018, and closing retreat on October 13, 2018.
- Participants are allowed up to two (2) excused absences.
- In addition to these sessions, accepted applicants will engage in a group project that requires time spent outside of regularly scheduled CLP activities. Participants are expected to commit an average of 10 hours/month to CLP activities.

If accepted, there is a \$425 program fee to cover materials. Scholarship opportunities will be available for accepted applicants to honor our commitment to program accessibility and diversity.

How are participants chosen?

ACLF will select 8-12 participants and are chosen based on their demonstrated commitment to community issues, desire to learn, and potential contributions to and growth from the CLP cohort.

APPLICATION MATERIALS:

Please include the following:

1. Complete and attach the last page of this form.
2. Attach a current resume.
3. Include contact phone/email for a professional reference.
4. Respond to the following short essay questions (limit short essay responses to one page per question):
 - a. What do you hope to gain from your participation in ACLF's Community Leaders Program (CLP)?
 - b. What will you contribute as a participant to the CLP? How will your personal and professional experience be of value to your fellow cohort members in the program?
 - c. How do you define your "community"? What do you value most deeply about your community, and why?
5. Cost: No application fee.

APPLICATION TIMELINE & SUBMISSION

Application to the CLP program are now accepted on a rolling basis:

- To be considered for CLP 2018 cohort, applications must be emailed by 11:59 PM, **Wednesday, February 28, 2018**
- Those selected for interviews need to be available sometime between March 1st, 2018 and March 12, 2018.
 - Applicants will receive an email inviting them to sign up for an interview slot
- Program Invitation: Mid-March 2018 - All accepted applicants **are required** to attend the following retreats scheduled for:
 - **Friday, April 13, 2018 - Sunday, April 15, 2018**
 - **Saturday, June 23, 2018 - June 24, 2018**
 - **Saturday, October 13, 2018**
- Program Schedule: Mid-April 2018 through Early November 2018.

Please submit application via email to aclfnw@aclfnorthwest.org

Have any questions or want to learn more? Contact aclf@aclfnorthwest.org



Asian Pacific Islander Community Leadership Foundation 2018 Community Leaders Program

Name

Home Address/State/Zip

Work Address/State/Zip

Home phone

Mobile Phone

Email Address

Contact Method Preference

Race (optional)

Age (optional)

How did you hear about ACLF?