



Change Leader Institute (FY) 2021 Application Guidelines

DEADLINE: Applications may be submitted on a “rolling” deadline. **Selection of participants will occur approximately two months prior to the institute dates.**

ABOUT COLORADO CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Colorado Creative Industries (CCI) is a division of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade. Established to capitalize on the immense potential for our creative sector to enhance economic growth in Colorado, the mission of Colorado Creative Industries is to promote, support and expand the creative industries to drive Colorado's economy, grow jobs and enhance our quality of life. www.coloradocreativeindustries.org

ABOUT THE CHANGE LEADER INSTITUTE & PROGRAM

The Change Leader Institute is a three-day professional development opportunity focused on building and sustaining an active network of graduates who become leaders in their communities. The program supports Creative Industries’ goal to better equip community and cultural leaders to deal with environmental and organizational change through creative practice or projects and teaches communication and facilitation skills that can implement change.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Change Leader candidates must be Colorado residents over the age of 18.
- Individual visual or performing artists or designers, civic leaders, executive directors, professors, government employees, business owners, representatives of creative enterprises or board members, administrators or volunteers of cultural or creative nonprofits are all eligible.
- Change Leader candidates may be connected to an organization and supported financially by that organization, however, *applicants must submit their application as an individual.*
- Selected nominees are required to participate fully in the three-day Institute agenda.

DEADLINE & TIMELINE

Friday, July 31st, 2020	SUGGESTED deadline for November institute
November 8 th , 2020	Arrive at Institute location in the afternoon/evening
November 9-11 th , 2020	Full participation in the Change Leader Institute
TBD	Certification proposals accepted
TBD	Change Leader Convening & Certification Dinner
TBD	Creative Industries Summit, Steamboat Springs

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

Each Institute is limited to 12 participants. Change Leader candidates need only submit one application and will be kept on a “wait list” until a spot is available, or for up to two years from the date of your application submission. Applicants should make sure their contact information is up to date in their online profile.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

Funding from Colorado Creative Industries covers the majority of the cost of the Institute. Our investment is in creative leaders who continue to build community and participate in a broader network. A registration fee from the applicant or their organization ranges from \$100 - \$500 and covers materials, lodging and meals. Participants are responsible for their transportation to the Institute site. The participation fee, based on your annual personal income or organizational budget are:

- Under \$25,000: \$100
- \$25,001 – \$150,000: \$250
- Above \$150,000: \$500

Please note: Occasionally, scholarships are available. Contact staff for more information.

REVIEW CRITERIA

Applications will be reviewed by staff and program facilitators based on the above criteria. Each group is limited to 12 participants; we maintain a waiting list and contact those people first when a new Institute approaches. You will be kept on a wait list up to two years from the date of your submitted application.

Change leader candidates will be selected based on applications that represent:

- Passion and commitment to community engagement and the arts

- A variety of arts and cultural leadership experience
- Geographic, ethnic and cultural diversity
- Age and gender diversity
- Commitment to the use of the arts and the creative sector to enhance the vitality of their community

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

The following are the questions you will find in the online application:

Background & Experience

- What is your professional affiliation?
- Are you paid staff/volunteer/board member or other (please explain)?
- Number of years in position?
- Please summarize your experience and education in your field.
- Why do you want to participate in the Change Leader Institute?
- Please upload your resume or biographical statement. (*attachments*)
- Please upload a photo of yourself (head shot preferred). (*attachments*)
- What is your age? (*dropdown*)
 - 18-24
 - 25-34
 - 35-44
 - 45-54
 - Over 54
- With what ethnicity do you most identify? (*dropdown*)
 - White
 - Hispanic or Latino
 - Black or African American
 - Native American or American Indian
 - Asian/Pacific Islander
 - Multi-racial
 - Other
 - Prefer not to answer
- With which gender do you most identify? (*dropdown*)
 - Female
 - Male
 - Non-binary/third gender
 - Prefer to self-describe
 - Prefer not to say
- Please provide a link to one of your social media pages

POST INSTITUTE

Those who attend the Change Leader Institute have the opportunity to submit a Certification Project proposal using the skills and principles learned in the institute. Upon acceptance of the proposal, Change Leader candidates receive a modest stipend to conduct an arts or creative development project in their own community. Following completion of the project, Change Leaders are officially certified at a convening at the Creative Industries Summit in May.

STAFF CONTACTS

Prior to contacting a staff member, applicants should read the guidelines thoroughly.

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