



ALUMNI LEADERSHIP GRANT APPLICATION
All materials due by January 31, 2020

The From the Top Alumni Leadership Grant program will offer 2-3 grants of up to \$5,000 each to From the Top Alumni ages 18-26 for projects that:

- Reflect concern for civic responsibility as artists
- Expand the professional skills and capacity of the applicant
- Include a collaborative community engagement component, particularly with a community or group in need of assistance
- Incorporate a plan for a continuing relationship with the community being served

Interested applicants should supply contact information and attach the following documents via the online application form, found here:

<https://www.fromthetop.org/apply/alumni-leadership-grant-application/>

A. PURPOSE STATEMENT (1500 words or less)

Articulate a detailed plan for your project that addresses the following:

Vision:

- What need or problem does this project address?
- Who is the audience for this project, and how will this project benefit them?
- What impact do you want this project to have?

Plan:

- Where and when will this project take place?
- What activities and events comprise this project?
- What individuals and community partners will be involved with the project? (Include names of individuals/organizations and their roles.)
- How will you evaluate the impact of this project?
- Projects must be documented for grant records. How do you plan to document project (i.e. audio/visual/interviews/written reflection)?

About You:

- Why do you want to do this particular project?
- What prior experience, skills, and resources do you have that will help you succeed in your project? If you feel there are other skills or resources necessary for your project, please describe how you might obtain them.
- How do you think this project will help you grow as a musician and leader?

B. TIMELINE

List key tasks and details necessary to make this project successful. Consider the timeframe in which you will execute your initiative and note any important deadlines. You may reference the included timeline template for formatting or create your own.

C. BUDGET

Use the included budget template to list estimated project expenses (and any additional income sources).

Timeline and budget templates may be found on the guidelines page of the Alumni Leadership Grant: <https://www.fromthetop.org/apply/alumni-leadership-grant-guidelines-eligibility/>.

D. RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

Secure two letters of recommendation from individuals who have seen you carry out an initiative from start to finish and can speak to your abilities as a leader, communicator, and collaborator.

In their letters, recommenders should address the following:

1. Discuss your relationship to the applicant and provide your observations on their abilities as a leader, communicator, and collaborator.
2. As a leader and facilitator, in what areas would the applicant need the most guidance and support?
3. What obstacles (if any) could you foresee to the applicant's success with an independently driven project?

Recommenders should email artsleadership@fromthetop.org *directly* with their letters and contact information, subject line "[Applicant name] recommendation" by January 31, 2020.

E. RESUME (OPTIONAL)

Feel free to include a current resume with any relevant work or musical experience. A resume is welcome but not required.