



THE NATIONAL CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Developing Extraordinary Conservation Leadership

NCLI Informational Session

February 2, 2022, at 1:00 PM Eastern

Agenda

Program Overview

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Selection Process

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NCLI Board and Alumni

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Mission

The NCLI successfully defies the ordinary, acting to preserve the legacy of our natural resources by developing extraordinary conservation leadership. The unique curriculum challenges assumptions, piques critical thinking, fosters high-trust relationships, and strengthens confidence.



The NCLFI is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

Governed by a Board of Directors.

Staffed by the Management Assistance Team, a part of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies that provides leadership and organizational development to state fish and wildlife agencies and other AFWA member agencies.

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Board Member Emeritus - Max Peterson, U.S. Forest Service, Retired

Ex Officio – Steve Chase, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Format

- Prework
- Fall residency (10 days)
- Peer group consultations (1 x month minimum)
- Significant work on an individual, organization based adaptive leadership challenge
- Spring residency and graduation (3 days)



Curriculum





State Fish and
Wildlife Agencies

Federal Agencies

Non-governmental
Organizations

Tribes

Industry

Eligibility

The NCLI serves diverse natural resource related organizations throughout North America.

Each organization can nominate up to 3 applicants.



For Nominators

Some factors to consider when deciding whom to nominate:

- Exceptional mid-career professional with high leadership potential
- Significant work experience, yet substantial tenure left within the agency
- Considerable circle of influence comprised of formal or informal authority
- Passionate and purposeful individual committed to conservation with a strong desire to make a positive impact
- Ability to make a significant time commitment



Tuition

Tuition covers lodging, meals, and other program costs for both residencies. It does not cover travel or per diem.

- Full Tuition | \$9000
- Subsidized Tuition | \$7500 (for organizations facing financial challenges)
- Tribal Participation | \$4500. Some scholarship funds available.



Diversity Scholarship Fund

Established in 2021 by the Cohort 14
Diversity Working Group to create
sustainable diversity in the NCLI program.
Provides funds towards tuition and travel
for tribal agency participants.



Applicant Mentoring

Also created by the Cohort 14 Diversity Working Group. NCLI Alumni volunteer their time to help applicants without access to alumni in their organization navigate the application process and clarify expectations on what it means to be a fellow should they be accepted.

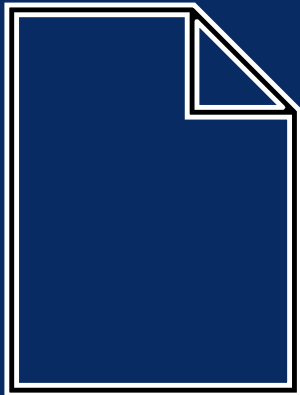


Application Period

- Applications accepted annually February 1 – April 15.
- Must be submitted online at www.conservationleadership.org



Application Package Requirements



- Nomination Letter from Director/CEO
- Resume
- Essay
- Three letters of recommendation including one from immediate supervisor





Selection Process

NAFWS Funding Opportunity for NCLI



NAFWS has funding from U.S. Forest Service to support two wildlife professionals that are accepted into NCLI

- \$4,500 per professional to cover the full Tribal participation tuition rate of \$4,500.00 (not including travel)
- Must be Native American and/or Alaskan Native
 - Submission of Tribal I.D., CIB or BIA Form 4432

NAFWS Funding Opportunity for NCLI

How to apply for NAFWS Wildlife Professional NCLI Scholarship:

1. When submitting NCLI completed application, ALSO send copy of application packet to Julie Thorstenson, Executive Director and Ashley Carlisle, Education Coordinator.
Jthor@nafws.org and acarlisle@nafws.org
2. Executive Director and Education Coordinator will review applications
3. Select 2 Tribal wildlife professionals
4. Executive Director will send a nomination letter to NCLI for the 2 selected Tribal wildlife professionals
 - If the two selected and nominated Tribal wildlife professionals are selected to participate in NCLI, then NAFWS will send tuition payment to NCLI
 - If one or both selected and nominated Tribal wildlife professionals are not selected to participate in NCLI, then alternates will be nominated



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NCLI Alumni

Questions and Answers



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