

APPLICATION - 2027 Social Entrepreneurship Cohort

Deadline: August 01, 2026 at 12:30 AM CDT

Participation

Availability

The Cohort schedules **required gatherings**: our quarterly Cohort Huddles

November 13, 2026: virtual Cohort Orientation

January 21-24, 2027: in-person Cohort Huddle

April 22-25, 2027: in-person Leaders Retreat

June 11-12, 2027: virtual Cohort Huddle

September 9-12, 2027: in-person Cohort Huddle

November 11-12, 2027: virtual Cohort Huddle

☐ No

☐ Yes

Are you available to attend **all** Cohort events? (three will be in-person and will require travel, funded by the NBA) *

Do you commit to remaining on video during any virtual Huddles or educational gatherings (*barring extenuating circumstances*)? *

☐ No

☐ Yes

APPLICATION

Contact

Contact Person *

Project Name *

Email Address *

Project MAILING address *

Max Number of Words: 50

Mobile Number *

What type of entity is (or will) your organization be filed as?
(i.e. LLC, BCorp, 501c3) *

Has this legal structure already been filed with your State? *

- ☐ Applied, but have not yet received status
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

Has this legal structure been filed Federally? *

- ☐ Applied but not yet received status
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

Organization / Ministry Website
(if applicable)

Empathizing: YOU & YOUR CONTEXT

What experiences, identities, or beliefs shape the work that you feel called to do? *

Max Number of Words: 150

What personally brings you to this work? In 3-5 sentences: what is your 'Why'? *

Max Number of Words: 150

How do your values or faith influence your work? *

Max Number of Words: 100

What are you currently balancing in your life that impacts your capacity?
(*ex: multiple jobs, school, family/kids, life events, etc.*) *

Max Number of Words: 75

Realistically: how many hours **per week** can you commit to your project development? *

- ☐ <5 hrs/wk
- ☐ 5 hrs/wk
- ☐ 10 hrs/wk
- ☐ >10 hrs/wk
- ☐ Full-Time

In your work, how do you balance independence & collaboration? *

Max Number of Words: 100

What Disciples region does or will your work operate in? *

What congregation are you connected to?

Are they aware of your work or idea?

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Defining: THE PROBLEM

Briefly describe (1-2 sentences) the social problem or issue you are seeking to address?*

Max Number of Words: 100

Who is most affected by this need or issue? *

i.e. demographics / service audience

Max Number of Words: 100

What have you learned about this need/problem so far? *

Max Number of Words: 150

How have you experienced this learning or gathered this data?
(please select all that apply) *

- ☐ Interviews
- ☐ Lived Experience
- ☐ Polls & Surveys
- ☐ Reviewing Studies
- ☐ Census
- ☐ Other

Who do you hope to serve or reach in your work? *

Max Number of Words: 100

Ideate: YOUR IDEA

Please offer a brief description of your project or idea - *what do you hope to do?**

Max Number of Words: 200

How would this work make a difference or impact on the need/issue you hope to address? *

Max Number of Words: 150

What makes your approach unique or meaningful to you? *

Max Number of Words: 125

How do you ensure your work is inclusive and accessible? *

Max Number of Words: 100

Prototype: YOUR PROGRESS

What stage of development would you say your project is in? *

- ☐ Thinking: general idea, no action taken
- ☐ Planning: seriously considering, initial steps
- ☐ Launching: shared publicly, 100% committed
- ☐ Growing: past initial launch, continuing development
- ☐ Evaluating: assessing what is missing or needed

What have you already tried, implemented or created?

*(products, events, partnerships, services/programs) **

Max Number of Words: 200

What is one thing that is working well right now? *

Max Number of Words: 150

Testing: GROWTH & VISION

What would 'success' look like for you in 12 months? *

Max Number of Words: 150

What is one experiment/pilot you want to try regarding your work? *

Max Number of Words: 150

If you had unlimited resources, what would you create? *

Max Number of Words: 100

Funding & Finances

How much does or will this work cost?

*(Please provide estimates and cost areas) **

Max Number of Words: 100

How will you fund this work?

*Select all that apply**

- ☐ Grants
- ☐ Individual Donations
- ☐ Corporate Donations
- ☐ Sale of Goods related to mission
- ☐ Fees for Service related to the mission
- ☐ Barter / Trade
- ☐ Other

How will your funding be built out? - Please provide a breakdown of percentages totaling 100%

Example:

20% - Grants

50% - Individual Donors

15% - Sales

15% - Corporate Donors

Max Number of Words: 100

Receiving Support

What is your biggest challenge right now? *

Max Number of Words: 100

What support would help you grow most in this Cohort experience?
(i.e. *mentorship, marketing, funding, collaborative partners*) *

Max Number of Words: 150

Which topics you are most wanting guidance in?
(*Please select all that apply*) *

- ☐ Board Development
- ☐ Branding / Marketing
- ☐ Budgeting
- ☐ Business Filing Process
- ☐ Fundraising
- ☐ Legal
- ☐ Program Development
- ☐ Strategic Planning
- ☐ Taxes

What is your most pressing question regarding launching or strengthening your project? *

Max Number of Words: 100

Do you currently have a team, collaborators, or advisors? *

☐ No

☐ Yes

Name at least one person who will co-labor with you in this project development - what skills/experience does this person bring?

*(i.e. a Board Member / Advisory Member / Thought partner / committed personal supporter)**