

VALUES-BASED LEADERSHIP STEWARDS PROGRAM DETAILS AND APPLICATION

OVERVIEW

The Center for Ethical Leadership (CEL) provides people with the tools and practices to strengthen their foundation to advance the common good. The common good, a preferred future where life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness is realized, leading to social, environmental, and economic justice for all.

The Stewards program is a culmination of practices that have been passed down by our ancestors from all around the world. This cohort encourages self-discovery and collective learning. It is a space for participants to build a deeper connection with each other, promoting a “we-all” worldview and moving away from “us-them” thinking. Attendees belong to a network of leaders who utilize and promote values-based leadership.

The Stewards program guides participants on a 10-month journey to focus on:

1. How to show up with authenticity;
2. How to engage others who hold similar and opposing perspectives; and
3. How to lead and create sustainable change to advance the common good, a preferred future.

The Stewards program is a community of practice. The cohort meets once a month for ten (10) months to deeply reflect, learn together, and apply monthly practices with those around them in between sessions. Participants will also meet weekly with an accountability buddy. Treat the participation of this program like a college course for credit. There is homework with an expectation to share and actively engage during the monthly sessions. Active participation by all enriches the whole experience. 😊

There is a \$25 application fee. The cost of the program is \$1,500 USD. Accepted candidates pay 10% to secure their spot to start in the fall of the same year. Applications are reviewed by a committee with a scheduled interview.

CRITERIA

- Previous volunteer experience and/or experience in community work to advance the common good;
- Willingness and experience to work with different perspectives, different from your own; and
- Have the time to dedicate in the active participation (minimum time: 30-35 hours per month);

TIMELINE AND EXPECTATIONS

There may be some adjustments. PST = Pacific Standard Time

Description	Date
Application Due Date	March 15, 2026 @ 11:59PM PST
Virtual Applicant Reviews, Interviews, and Selection	Early April 2026
1. In person: Orientation (<i>Tukwila Community Center</i>)	September 12, 2026 @ 10am-1pm PST
2. Virtual: The Common Good & Reframing Leadership	October 10, 2026 @ 10am-12pm PST
3. Virtual: Choosing Your Personal Values	November 14, 2026 @ 10am-12pm PST
4. Virtual: Embracing the Wisdom of the Margins	December 12, 2026 @ 10am-12pm PST
5. Virtual: Crafting Your Vision	January 9, 2027 @ 10am-12pm PST
6. Virtual: Creating Gracious Space	February 13, 2027 @ 10am-12pm PST
7. Virtual: Claiming Your Voice	March 13, 2027 @ 10am-12pm PST
8. Virtual: Receiving Hope	April 10, 2027 @ 10am-12pm PST
9. Virtual: Acting with Courage	May 8, 2027 @ 10am-12pm PST
10. In person: Where do we go from here? (<i>location TBD – Seattle, WA</i>)	June 12, 2027 @ 10am-1pm PST

PARTICIPANTS MUST (Please check each box):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Have access to a computer with reliable internet.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Commit to daily practices, set aside at least 30-35 hours each month (over the course of 10 months) to read materials, reflect, practice, and meet weekly with their accountability buddy.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attend and actively participate in the monthly sessions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Be open and courageous to share thoughts and receive thoughts that could be different from your own.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintain confidentiality, maintain a space for sharing, and adhere to group norms.

Example: The more time spent, the deeper the experience (listed, bare minimum time spent) in VBL Stewards.

Activity	Monthly Participation Time
First and Last Sessions (in person with lunch)	3-hour/session
Monthly Sessions	2-hour/session
Time with Accountability Buddy	15 minutes per week (average 4 weeks) – 1-hour/month
Daily Practice	20 minutes/day (practice daily) - 10
Monthly Leadership Practice	20 minutes/day (practice daily)
Reflection	20 minutes/day (practice daily)
Total time per month	~ 33 hours per month

Applications are due by 3/15/2026 @11:59pm PST. Questions and completed applications can be emailed to admin@ethicalleadership.org. Email CEL for an electronic application. Application fee linked on our website.

ABOUT YOU

First and Last Name	
Email	
Phone	
Preferred Mailing Address	

NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

Share more about you and your interest in advancing the common good. **Limit your response to 115 words or less.**

1. Describe your community building and/or volunteer experiences.

2. Why do you want to participate in a leadership cohort by the Center for Ethical Leadership?

3. What have you been doing to advance the common good?

By signing, my responses are true and my commitment to be an active Steward is genuine.

Signature	Date