

## 2026 Leadership Summit on Ending Homelessness Scholarship Application Form

**This PDF is provided for preparation purposes only.**  
**You must submit your application via the online form [here](#).**

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- Are you currently homeless or have you experienced homelessness in the last five years?
    - Yes/No
  - Have you received a scholarship to attend an Alliance conference in the past?
    - Yes/No

***Please Note:*** Anyone who has received a scholarship in the last two (2) years  
is not eligible for a scholarship at this time.

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### Contact Information

- First & Last Name
- Agency Affiliation (if any)
- Address
- Phone
- Email

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### Optional Demographic Questions

- **Gender**
  - Female
  - Male
  - Genderqueer non-confirming or non-binary
  - Other (Please use "Other" to self-describe your gender)
- **Pronouns**
  - She/Her
  - They/Them
  - He/Him
  - Other (Please use "Other" to self-describe your pronouns)

- **Race/Ethnicity** (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native          | <input type="checkbox"/> White                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern / Northern African |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American                 | <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer to self-describe         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino                        | ➤ Self-described Race/Ethnicity                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander |                                                            |
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## Summit Registration Requirements

If granted a scholarship, we will need additional information in order to register you for the summit. Please answer the following questions.

- **Preferred Badge Name**
- **Dietary Restrictions**
  - Vegan/Vegetarian/Gluten Free/None
- **Other Allergens or Dietary Restrictions?** (Fill in the blank)
- **Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act do you require specific aids or services?**
  - Audio
  - Visual
  - Mobile
- **Leadership Summit Track**
  - Peer Leaders (Lived Experience Experts)

As a scholarship recipient, you will be added to the  
**Peer Leaders (Lived Experience Experts)** track for the summit.

The track will determine which **Leadership Intensive** and **Spotlight Sessions**  
you will attend during the summit.

## Collaborative Strategy Lab Preference

Be sure to select three different preferences below or you will not be able to submit this registration. Your Collaborative Strategy Lab assignment will be finalized and emailed in February 2026 once all registration transfers and cancellations have been processed.

- **Collaborative Strategy Lab - Preferences**

*(must select and rank **three (3)** different options)*

- ☐ State-Level Leadership: Creating Change
  - ☐ Cross-sector Coalition Building for Policy Wins
  - ☐ Data to Action – Using Local Data to Drive Change
  - ☐ Putting Experience and Evidence in Action: Building a Local Research Team with People who Have Experienced Homelessness
  - ☐ Sustaining and Building Funding Support for Evidence-Based Practices
  - ☐ Leaving Nobody Behind: How to Deliver on Your Equity Commitments
  - ☐ Building Unified Pathways to Justice
  - ☐ Co-Leading Through Challenges: A Case Lab for Funders and Partners
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### ***Collaborative Strategy Lab Descriptions***

- **State-Level Leadership: Creating Change:** Explore how to identify and leverage underutilized state-level resources—such as funding streams, policy levers, and data systems—to drive progress and create meaningful change. You'll learn how to develop strategies for promoting more equitable access to state resources, focusing on improving the take-up rate of successful programs in underserved communities. We'll also discuss the value of creating a state-level peer exchange network to share best practices, solve problems collaboratively, and accelerate collective progress. Join us to learn how to lead with impact and transform your state.
- **Cross-sector Coalition Building for Policy Wins:** In today's policy and political climate, no single organization can drive transformative change alone. This session explores how partnering across sectors—labor, housing, health care, environment, and more—creates stronger coalitions and amplifies collective power. Participants will learn the essentials of building, sustaining, and operating effective coalitions, from navigating different perspectives and work cultures to aligning on shared goals. Attendees will leave with strategies to forge cross-sector partnerships that can help defend and unlock bigger policy wins and lasting systems change.

- **Data to Action – Using Local Data to Drive Change:** Without data, we cannot make informed change. But what do we do when the data we rely on is increasingly at risk? Join this collaborative strategy lab to discuss the growing uncertainty around federal data and to conduct a deep dive into the power of local data. See how communities are improving data collection, enhancing storytelling, implementing evidence-based programmatic change, and advancing advocacy at the local level.
- **Putting Experience and Evidence in Action: Building a Local Research Team with People who Have Experienced Homelessness:** Laypeople with lived experience of homelessness can be researchers, helping everyone better understand the dynamics of effective homeless response. In this session, we'll discuss how to form a layperson research team, how to train individuals with lived experience in research methods, and how to create sustainable models to support people with lived experience in this work.
- **Sustaining and Building Funding Support for Evidence-Based Practices:** When effective homeless service interventions are under suspicion and ethical innovations are met with skepticism, how can homeless services leaders and advocates build necessary funding support? This session will explore strategies to sustain and increase critical funding to scale interventions through formulating compelling narratives that integrate data and lived expertise. Presenters will also explore advocacy and communication strategies to reach critical stakeholders.
- **Leaving Nobody Behind: How to Deliver on Your Equity Commitments:** What do tangible diversity, equity, and inclusion strategies look like in practice? This session focuses on how leaders can translate abstract diversity, equity, and inclusion commitments into concrete strategies that deliver measurable outcomes. Presenters will also examine how communities are navigating legal and political pressures while ensuring vulnerable populations are protected and supported in their path to thriving.
- **Building Unified Pathways to Justice: Advancing Rights and Dignity for Vulnerable Communities:** In July 2025, the President's Executive Order called for expanded policing and forced institutionalization as responses to homelessness—policies that jeopardize the civil and human rights of people experiencing homelessness, as well as individuals with disabilities, mental health conditions, substance use disorders, and other marginalized groups. This session will examine the historical and ongoing barriers that have hindered collaboration across sectors, including homeless services, disability rights, public health, and behavioral health. Together, we will explore strategies to break down silos, strengthen cross-sector partnerships, and build a united, more powerful movement to protect rights and advance lasting solutions.
- **Co-Leading Through Challenges: A Case Lab for Funders and Partners:** This session will bring together both funder and grantee/partner dilemmas. Using Funders Together for Housing Justice's signature case consultation format, participants will co-create strategies around real challenges faced in the pursuit of housing justice. Participants will serve as thought-partners offering analysis and strategies that emphasize courage, equity, and solidarity. Participants will

leave with concrete ideas, tangible tools and deeper cross-movement trust that can help overcome current challenges. This format breaks down silos by inviting funders and partners to help each other think through challenges and solutions.

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## Additional Questions

- **How many Alliance conferences have you attended?**
    - This is my first conference!
    - 1-3 conferences
    - 4-6 conferences
    - More than six conferences
  
  - **Is there a leadership topic or challenge you hope to see covered at this summit?**
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## Lived Experience Questions

- **Are you currently homeless or did you experience homelessness in the past?**
  - I am currently homeless.
  - I have past lived experience of homelessness.

*If you select “I am currently homeless”, the next question is:*

- **Please describe your lived experience of homelessness. (How long have you experienced homelessness? What steps are you taking to get housing and what barriers are stopping you?) Please be as specific as possible.**

*If you select “I have past lived experience of homelessness” the next question is:*

- **Please describe your lived experience of homelessness. (How long did you experience homelessness and when? What process did you follow and what was your role in obtaining housing? What did you advocate for and who did you work with?) Please be as specific as possible.**
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- **Are you currently working with any group or organization in your community that is working towards ending homelessness?**
  - Yes/No

*If you select “Yes”, the extra question is:*

- **What is the nature of your work with them, and how long have you been involved in that work? Please be as specific as possible.**
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- **Are you doing work within the Program Planning, System Change, and/or Service Navigation spaces?**

☐ Yes/No

*If you select “Yes”, the extra question is:*

- **Please explain your work in these spaces.**
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- **Are you actively connected to any type of support system that helps with self-care?**

☐ Yes/No

*If you select “Yes”, the extra question is:*

- **Please explain that support system.**
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- **Please discuss any teamwork experience you have. What worked and/or didn’t work in these collaborative environments?**
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- **What do you think good collaboration looks like?**
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- **Have you done any work with the Alliance before?**

☐ Yes/No

*If you select “Yes”, the extra question is:*

- **Please explain your past or current work with the Alliance**