**2025 Bush Fellowship Application Questions**

We're so glad you're considering a Bush Fellowship!

We provide application questions in this Word document so that you can work on your application offline, but please note that the Word document cannot be submitted as your application. You will need to apply through the online application system.

We recommend viewing the application questions and selection criteria on our website together to see how they connect.

Applications are due on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at noon CT.

Questions? Please contact us at staff@bushfoundation.org.

**Application Question 1 (submit audio, video or in writing):**

We know leadership looks different in every community. Tell us who you are and what leadership means to you. Submit this response as a 3-minute video or in writing. You cannot choose both. (Maximum 1,765 characters or roughly 300 words, if you’re submitting a written response.)

*Bush Fellows have diverse backgrounds, come from different sectors and have different life experiences that have led to them becoming the leader they are today. We want to understand your journey to leadership, your work and experiences that have shaped you as a leader.*

**Application Question 2:**

Tell us about your track record: How have you used your influence to create change? Be clear about your specific role in making change happen. (Maximum 1,765 characters or roughly 300 words.)

*Bush Fellows have a track record of getting things done at any stage of their careers or development. They see obstacles as opportunities for growth. They know how to bring people together to work on solutions.*

**Application Question 3:**

We are looking to understand what change you want to help make happen and why? (Maximum 2,500 characters or roughly 500 words.)

*Bush Fellows embrace big ideas and aren’t shy about trying different things. They see connections between the big and small things that add up to transformational change. They apply what they know and have learned — and remain open to — new ways of seeing problems and solutions.*

**Application Question 4:**

We are looking for more information about how your unique experiences and perspectives will help you bring about the change you envision. Why do you believe you are positioned to lead these changes? (Maximum 2,000 characters or roughly 400 words.)

*Bush Fellows know their experiences influence how they lead and how they create change. A sense of community — and their connection to it — is important to them and often defines the way they lead. Fellows are shaped by all of their experiences in life, work and play.*

**Application Question 5:**

This is a description of your leadership plan. What specific skills, experiences and connections do you need to grow your capacity to lead and change the trajectory of your leadership? (Maximum 2,500 characters or roughly 500 words.)

*Bush Fellows are ready to explore what they need to get to their destination for change within themselves and community. This is a chance to think big about what is possible for you that wouldn’t otherwise have been without a Fellowship.*