



The Children's Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom Schools® program partners with organizations to sponsor high-quality comprehensive programming for children and families in local communities across the country. Sponsor organizations are responsible for securing the financial resources to operate program sites at no cost to families and paying fees to CDF to offset program costs.

Application Deadline: September 10, 2021
 Nonrefundable Application Fee: \$175
 Notification of Acceptance begins September 20, 2021

Applications will not be reviewed until application fees are paid.

Mail checks and money orders to:
 Children's Defense Fund
 Attn: Janet Canada
 840 First Street NE
 Suite 300
 Washington, DC 20002

To pay by ACH, please email jcanada@childrensdefense.org

Onboarding materials for all accepted sponsor organizations are due via email or mail within one week of receiving your official acceptance letter. Onboarding materials include a signed Licensing Agreement, a completed Program and Financial Intake Form, and a copy of your organization's current general liability insurance.

For the 2022 year, all orientation and training meetings will be virtual or hybrid due to the COVID-19 global health pandemic. Sites should not start official programming prior to attending National Training. This provides enough time for your local staff training (required time for your staff to train on-site and prepare their classrooms) to take place after National Training, and before your programs open to scholars and families.

Required meetings of the Ella Baker Child Policy Training Institute

Meeting	Participants	Dates
Executive Director and Project Director Orientation and Training	Executive Directors Project Directors	January 7-9, 2022
Site Coordinator Orientation and Training	Site Coordinators	March 24-27, 2022
National Training	Servant Leader Interns Site Coordinators	June 1-4, 2022

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Section I: Applicant Information

Has your organization ever applied to be a CDF Freedom Schools* Partner in the past? *

Please select... ▼

Name of Sponsor Organization *

Street address *

Please provide billing address for the sponsor organization

City *

State *

Please select... ▼

Zip Code *

Website *

Select the option that best describes your organization type *

Please select... ▼

How many years have you operated a CDF Freedom Schools* program? *

Please si ▼

Provide a detailed description of your organization below, including: (1) mission, (2) services it provides, (3) history of working on behalf of children, (4) organizational governance *

What is your history of working with CDF? *

- CDF Freedom Schools
- Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute
- Children's Sabbath
- Beat the Odds
- State Offices
- None of the above
- Other

Contact 1 - CDF Freedom Schools Executive Director

PII  First Name * Last Name *


Email * Alternate Email *

Work Phone * Mobile Phone *

Home Phone

Which phone number do you prefer we use? * 

Birthdate * mm/dd/yyyy

Gender *  Preferred Pronoun * 

Mailing street address *

City *

State * 

Zip Code *

Your race/ethnicity - Check all that apply (optional)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Asian or Asian American
- Black or African-American
- Hispanic/Latino
- White

Do you have an additional contact person who will serve in your CDF Freedom Schools program? *



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Section II: Program Information

How do you plan to operate your CDF Freedom Schools Program? *

Please select...



Number of program sites

Each CDF Freedom Schools site must serve a minimum of 30 children

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Must be a number value

Total number of scholars your organization plans to serve across all sites

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Must be a number value

Identify community resources and organizations you plan to partner with to support the operation of your CDF Freedom Schools program this summer. Describe how these partnerships will specifically support your site, for example: partnering with the local free library for weekly community field trips and partnering with local community recreation center to utilize the community pool for weekly swimming.

Tip: Consider the partnerships necessary to provide afternoon activities, field trips, parent workshops, and meals for the scholars (Two meals and a snack are required each day).

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Section III: Financial Resources and Capacity

For 2022, program operation fees and Ella Baker Child Policy Training Institute (EBCPTI) fees are due to CDF.

Program Operation fees are calculated at \$285/child and include the license to operate the CDF Freedom Schools program model, program banner, curated Integrated Reading Curriculum guide for instruction, curriculum books, site library books, and program evaluation and related program impact reports.

Ella Baker Child Policy Training Institute fees are a flat fee covering all EBCPTI trainings for the ED, PD, SCs and SLIs through the end of the year. Fees are due prior to training attendance, are assessed per sponsor organization, and are nonrefundable. Fees include virtual orientation access, training conference registration fees, live training conference course content and access to recordings post event, digital materials, training manuals, exemplars and technical assistance, and eligibility for CEUs for contact hours at each training.

Budget

Complete a 2021-2022 estimated budget worksheet

[Click here to download the file \(click the download arrow at the top right of the link page\). Then save it to your desktop to complete it.](#)

Upload your completed budget worksheet here * Capture.PNG

Short Answer Response

What are your community's demographics? How will operating a CDF Freedom Schools program benefit your community? In other words, what are the expected measurable outcomes of the program? (Your response must be 150 - 200 words).

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200 words remaining

Outline your planned recruitment strategy for hiring your staff. We highly recommend connecting with local colleges and universities early in your hiring process. (Your response must be 150 - 200 words).

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Section V: Signature

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all information in the enclosed application is true and correct. Please Initial: *

How will you submit the application fee?

Please select... 



After you click the Submit button you must review your completed application and then confirm the submission. It is recommended that you use the "Print this page" button at the bottom of the screen to print or save a PDF copy for your records.

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