

Offline Application Worksheet

Echoing Green Fellowship Application 2026

Overview

In the Echoing Green Fellowship application, you will be asked a series of questions across different sections. This document contains overviews of each section and the short answer questions that will be asked in the application. While this is a helpful tool to get started, this document **does not** contain every question that you will find in the application.

The short answer questions are typically where applicants spend the majority of their time. We recommend accessing the application when it is available to understand its full scope. This Offline Application Worksheet can be used to begin drafting, editing, and refining your responses to the short answers questions before the application opens.

Use of AI

We recognize that generative AI tools can support applicants, particularly those navigating linguistic, structural, or access-related barriers, and we welcome their thoughtful use. However, our reviewers value authenticity, reflection, and a clear connection to the applicant's lived experience. Applications that appear to be primarily or fully generated by AI without meaningful human input may be deemed less competitive or ineligible.

Applicant Details

In this section, you will be asked a series of questions about yourself including, but not limited to, your location and how you identify.

Organization Details

In this section, you will be asked a series of questions about your proposed organization including, but not limited to, your organization's impact location, structure, and funding details.

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Your Vision for Impact

This section aims to gain a comprehensive understanding of the problem you're addressing, your proposed solution, and the community you serve. Each response should be no more than 1000 characters.

Describe the problem your work seeks to address, the root causes of this problem, and why it still exists.

[Start your answer here.]

Describe the approach you will take to address this problem and the specific activities involved.

[Start your answer here.]

Tell us about the community and the people you seek to serve with this work.

[Start your answer here.]

How will the lives of the people in the community improve because of this work?

[Start your answer here.]

SHORT ANSWER DETAILS

Your Idea In Action

This section explores the innovative aspects of your work, its potential for systemic change, and your vision for a more equitable future. Each response should be no more than 1,000 characters.

Think about the systems that affect the issue you are addressing. What kinds of power are influencing the system? Describe how your work plans to or is already addressing the root causes of the issue to create a more equitable system.

[Start your answer here.]

Imagine a future where people of all identities (race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, caste, tribe, etc.) have equal opportunity to thrive. How did your vision help lead to this future? What changed in your community as a result?

[Start your answer here.]

Explain how your work introduces a new approach or improves on existing ones - either in your geographic area or in your field. What makes it innovative?

[Start your answer here.]

What existing work or organizations have influenced your thinking? What do you aim to build on or do differently, and why is your approach needed?

[Start your answer here.]

Your Leadership Journey

This section focuses on your leadership qualities, your connection to the community, and your passion for creating positive change. Each response should be no more than 1,000 characters.

Describe why you are passionate about this work and community.

[Start your answer here.]

Describe how you shift power to the community and how you engage the community into the design and strategic decision making of your work.

[Start your answer here.]

Share an example that showcases your leadership ability to build and manage an organization toward strategic goals.

[Start your answer here.]

What organizations do you currently or hope to partner with to deepen your impact? How do you engage others in support of your vision?

[Start your answer here.]

Resume

You will be asked to upload a resume that highlights the experiences and skills you bring to your work as a social innovator. This can include educational, professional, volunteer, community organizing, and activism experiences that demonstrate your potential to lead your proposed organization effectively.

Video

You will be asked to record and submit a short video. [Please click here to access further guidance.](#)

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For more guidance materials and information on the 2026 Fellowship application, please visit www.echoinggreen.org/apply.