

Application Form: Lived Experience Leader (LEx)

Instructions:

1. Do your best to provide as complete of an application as possible.
2. For written responses to the short answer questions: please provide 4-8 sentences per question or if you choose to send in video responses to the short answer questions: please keep responses under 2 minutes.
3. **Remember:** Our goal is to select applicants that reflect diversity in culture, race, educational experience, skills, personal qualities, and foster care background. Just do your best to answer honestly, and represent your true self!

All questions with an asterisk (*) must be answered.

1. I understand that it is recommended to download the Word or pdf copy of the Application form and compose my answers BEFORE I submit it through this webform. It is also recommended that I save the application for my own records in case of technical difficulties. Once I submit, I cannot add to this Application at a later time.*
Yes ___
2. I understand that FosterClub staff members may contact me regularly after I submit this application. When you apply for this position, you will automatically become a member of FosterClub. Please email info@fosterclub.com if you would like to opt out.*
Yes ___
3. Have you previously applied to or served with FosterClub?
 - a. Yes or No
 - b. Position applied for or served:

FosterClub LEx Leader Application

Part 1: Contact info

- First name (legal name, as it appears on your ID):*
- Last name (legal name, as it appears on your ID):*
- Name in use (the name you go by, if different from your legal name):
- Birthdate*
- Age*
- Street Address:*
- City:*
- State:*
- Zip:*
- Main Ph:*
- Alt Ph:
- Email:*

- Alt Email:

Part 2: How You Identify

Next, we are going to ask about your personal identity. This helps meet your needs and helps us engage diverse teams in the work of FosterClub. Share at whatever level you feel comfortable.

What is your assigned sex at birth? (optional):

- Male
- Female
- Intersex
- Prefer not to identify

Which gender identity best describes you?

- Male
- Female
- Agender
- Two-Spirit
- Non-binary
- Genderqueer
- Transgender
- Questioning/unsure
- Other identity:
- Prefer not to identify

Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation (select all that apply)?

- Bisexual
- Gay
- Straight
- Lesbian
- Same-gender loving
- Two-Spirit
- Questioning/Unsure
- Pansexual
- Asexual
- Prefer no labels
- Other:
- Not sure what this question means
- Prefer not to identify

Which pronouns/neopronouns do you use (select all the apply)*?

- She/Her/Hers
- He/Him/His
- They/Them
- Ze/Hir/Hirs
- Something else: _____

What is your racial/ethnic identity (select all that apply)?

- Black/ Black American
- African American
- White
- Asian
- Caribbean
- Pacific Islander
- Hispanic
- Latinx, or Spanish origin
- American Indian/Native American/First Nations/Alaska Native
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Bi/Multiracial
- Another race, ethnicity, or origin

If you selected "Other race, ethnicity, or origin" from the list above, please describe here:

Part 3: Your Foster Care Experience

Are you still in foster care?* Yes No Unsure

Have you experienced tribal foster care? Yes No Unsure

Number of years in foster care (It's okay to guess):*

At what ages did you experience foster care? (select all that apply):*

- 0-3
- 4-10
- 11-16
- 17 and up

How did you exit foster care or how do you plan to exit foster care?:

- I aged out at age 18+
- I was reunified with family
- I stayed with relatives or family (kinship care)
- I had a legal guardian
- I was adopted
- I ran away/emancipated/exited care of my own decision
- I'm not sure
- Other

Placement types you experienced while in foster care (select all that apply):

- Foster home
- Group/Residential care home
- Relative home (kinship)
- Shelter
- Adoptive home
- Facility (could include detention, treatment, or rehab)
- Other

How many placements did you experience while in care (optional)?:

Current living situation:

- Foster home or group home
- With relatives
- My own apartment
- Couch surfing, shelter, or homeless
- Other

Please indicate any and all locations where you spent time in foster care (select all that apply):*

- Puerto Rico
- Guam
- U.S. Virgin Islands
- Northern Mariana Islands
- American Samoa
- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina

- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming
- Outside of the U.S

Please select all that apply to your lived care experience (that you feel comfortable sharing and/or incorporating into your work with FosterClub):

- Incarcerated Parent(s)
- Separation from siblings
- Death of parent (s), sibling, family member, other.
- Educational Instability
- Educational Stability
- Mental Health/Behavioral Health (medications, alternative medicines or any combination of these, and counseling, etc.)
- LGBTQ2S+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, and Two-Spirit)
- Failed Adoption
- Failed Guardianship
- Abandonment
- Extended care
- Reunified (return home)
- Stayed with relatives or family (kinship care)
- Food insecurity
- Experienced housing barriers or homelessness
- Expectant / Parenting
- Disability or differently-abled
- Juvenile Justice
- Tribal Foster Care (or disconnection from Tribe)
- Discrimination against Disabilities
- Discrimination based on appearance (can include but not limited to race, gender expression, and identity, religion, disability, etc.)
- Addiction or Substance Dependence (sometimes referred to as Substance Misuse)
- Recovery
- Immigrated from another country
- Disconnected from and/or connected to Cultural, Racial, Ethnic, Religious or other identities

- Sex trafficking and/or human trafficking
- Other...

If you selected "Other" from the list above, please describe here:

Part 4: About You

Education & Career

*Highest level of education completed?**

- Still in High School/earning GED
- Graduated from High School/Obtained GED
- Enrolled in College
- Graduated from College
- Graduate Student
- Other (please specify):

1. What are your education and/or career goals?:
 2. What are your plans for achieving your goals?:
 3. What extracurricular activities have you participated in?:
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Leadership Experience

We know writing may not be everyone's strong point. You may choose to respond to the prompts with a written response or video response. Remember, there are no right or wrong answers. This is your time to shine. Written responders: We aren't looking to read a book here. Try to keep responses between 4-8 sentences. Video responders: Keep responses under 2 minutes! If the video is too long it may not upload. And be mindful of background people and noise. Email video responses to videos@fosterclub.com

****Remember: You can either submit a written or video response. You DO NOT need to submit both.****

1. Have you been a part of a FOSTER YOUTH COUNCIL or ALUMNI GROUP? If so, please describe your role and length of time involved.
2. Do you or have you had another LEADERSHIP ROLE? (at school, work, synagogue, mosque, church, a club, or within your family)
3. Please describe any VOLUNTEER WORK that you have done in your community.

Getting to know you

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1. Why are you interested in this opportunity? What do you expect to gain? What do you think you can contribute?*
2. What challenges do you think young people of color, LGBTQ+, and Two-Spirit identified youth, immigrant youth, or otherwise marginalized communities face in the foster care system?*
3. How has your foster care experience contributed to shaping who you are becoming?*

Part 5: General Information We need just a little more information from you - along with some information to share with you - and then you can submit your application!

Do you have other obligations that could limit your participation (for example: school, work, internship, family obligations, etc)?:

FosterClub is committed to the inclusion of all qualified candidates. What, if any, required supports do you need to ensure you can successfully and fully participate in the All-Star Internship program?

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? * Note: this does not necessarily make you ineligible. We consider each case individually.

- Yes
- No

If you have been convicted of a crime, please include as many details as possible, including your age at the time of the crime)?:*

If selected, I am willing to undergo a background check. *All offers of engagement in volunteer service activities are made upon the successful completion of a background check. Violations do not necessarily disqualify you.

- * Yes

Photo Upload

Please submit a semi-formal headshot photo that can be published across all FosterClub virtual platforms. We will share the photos of the applicants selected on the FosterClub website, across social media platforms, and with Sponsors.

File requirements

- Files must be less than **2 MB**.
- Allowed file types: **gif jpg jpeg png**.

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I agree to the terms of FosterClub's Media Release

- Yes
- No

How did you first hear about this opportunity?

- Caseworker or other professional
- Youth board
- Another youth
- Foster parent or caregiver
- Partner organization
- FosterClub LEx leader (All-Star, Outstanding Young Leader recipient, National policy council, Peer Navigator, etc.)
- Social Media
- Email
- Website
- Other

If you selected "Other" from the list above, please describe it here:

Anything else you want to share with us before submitting your application?:

Equal Opportunity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility

FosterClub is committed to building a more just, diverse, inclusive, and accessible work environment. We strive to be a workplace where people of color, LGBTQ+/2S, and those with non-traditional career paths can thrive. As an Equal Opportunity Employer, we are also committed to upholding applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations prohibiting unlawful discrimination in employment on the basis of age, ancestry, gender identity or expression, marital status, national origin, political ideology, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or the presence of a physical, cognitive, or sensory disability. Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC), LGBTQ+/2S folx, women, and people with lived experience in foster care are urged to apply.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Reasonable Accommodation

To ensure equal employment opportunities to qualified individuals with a disability, FosterClub will make reasonable accommodations for the known disability of an otherwise qualified individual, unless undue hardship on the operation of the business would result. Potential applicants who may require reasonable accommodation should discuss the matter with FosterClub HR Manager, Chanel Sudderth (Chanel@fosterclub.com).

- I certify that the information in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
 - *Yes