



Kindred Fellowship Application

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in applying! The Kindred Fellowship is a vital initiative designed to empower emerging leaders in school nutrition. This seven-month program will equip school food leaders with the skills to drive transformational change in school food systems.

Before You Begin

This application is designed to give us a deeper understanding of you, your experiences, and your perspective.

- It typically takes **1–2 hours** to complete, so we recommend setting aside enough time to work through it thoughtfully.
- To avoid losing your work, we strongly suggest writing your responses in a separate document first, then copying them into the application form when you're ready to submit.
- We're not looking for lengthy essays — **1–2 paragraphs per question** is perfect. Keep your answers clear, focused, and to the point.

We're excited to learn more about you! Let's begin.

Applicant Information

Preferred First Name and Last Name:

Email:

Primary Phone Number:

Permanent Address:

Resume:

How did you hear about the Kindred Fellowship? Please share details so we can thank your referral contact!

- ☐ I'm a FoodCorps Alumni
- ☐ I'm with a current or past FoodCorps site
- ☐ My Organization
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ FoodCorps Email
- ☐ Other



Leadership and Vision

This question is designed to assess your current leadership mindset and your vision for school food systems change. We want to see if you think of yourself as a catalyst for change, not just an operator.

1. As a leader in your current or future role, how can food nourish school communities and cultivate meaning, connection, and ultimately, better school food systems? What is the integral role I play, as a leader in my school community, to catalyze the powerful potential of food?

Advocacy and Influence

These questions gauge your willingness and ability to become an influential advocate. We're looking for individuals who can think beyond their day-to-day role and consider broader policy and systemic change.

2. Describe a time you successfully influenced a school food or education policy, procedure, or a person's perspective in a professional setting. What was your approach, and who were the key stakeholders you engaged with?
3. What is one major issue facing school food in your community or at a national level that you are passionate about changing? If you had the resources and platform from the Kindred fellowship, what is the first tangible action you would take to address this issue?

Collaboration and Professional Growth

These questions help us understand your interest in professional development and how you might engage within a collaborative cohort model.

4. This fellowship includes a culminating project and personalized coaching. What is one specific skill or area of growth you hope to cultivate over the next eight months? What unique perspective or knowledge will you bring to the group?
5. The program requires a significant time commitment of nine months (eight 75-min sessions over 7 months, session pre-work, post-session reflections, and a culminating project). What is your strategy for balancing the fellowship's demands with your professional and personal responsibilities?