



CENTER FOR RURAL LEADERSHIP

4341 E. Broadway Road, Phoenix, AZ 85040
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"To equip and empower leaders to meet the needs of rural Arizona."

Dear CENTRL Applicant:

We appreciate your interest in a once in a lifetime leadership journey with Project CENTRL! Over 600 leaders have completed the leadership program since the first class started in 1983.

The following is the APPLICATION PACKET REFERENCE GUIDE for the online application.

All application materials must be submitted ONLINE by March 15.

A Complete Online Application includes:

- The online application
- Two Recommendations from non-family members
- An Employer Approval Form (completed by employer or yourself if business owner)

Please use the following sheets as a reference to collect your information before submitting the online application.

Selection is competitive and made by Project CENTRL Board of Directors serving on the Selection Committee.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Koenig, Executive Director, scott@centrl.org or 602-827-8227.

Best wishes in your candidacy for Project CENTRL!

Sincerely,

Cheryl Goar
President, CENTRL Board of Directors

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION – REFERENCE GUIDE

Please use this form as reference.

www.centrl.org/apply to follow link to complete online, fillable application.

Date: _____

Class applying for: _____

Personal Information

Male Female

I will be at least 25 years of age by June 1 Yes No

I am a citizen of the United States Yes No

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Name you prefer to be called _____

County you live in _____

Mailing Address _____

Street

City/State

Zip

Home Address _____

Street

City/State

Zip

Telephone: Home _____ Office _____

Fax _____ Cell _____

Email _____

(If you do not have a personal email account for correspondence from CENTRL, please create one)

Employment Information

Employer _____

Title/Position _____ How long in Current Position _____

Business Address _____

Street

City/State

Zip

Area of Expertise _____

Education

Education: High School _____ Year of Graduation _____

College(s)/University(s): _____

(Include certificates or degrees earned & dates)

Professional Experiences

List employment information in chronological order (include title/position, description and how long in position).

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Professional Related Activities and Accomplishments

List in chronological order the business and professional activities for which you have volunteered, starting with the most recent. Describe the organization's purpose and your level of participation and the dates of your participation.

Organization	Position/ Participation	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Voluntary Community Activities and Accomplishments

List in chronological order the civic and community activities (non-job related) for which you have volunteered, starting with the most recent. Describe the organization's purpose and your level of participation.

Organization	Position/ Participation	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Regional, State or National Activities, Accomplishments and Awards Not Previously Listed

List in chronological order the positions you currently hold or have held (please include military, Peace Corps, and other experiences), starting with the most recent.

Organization	Position/ Participation	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Expectations of Project CENTRL

Describe the attributes, attitudes, and abilities you expect to gain from the one year program and how you anticipate using those skills. (200 words or less)

References:

List two references (1 professional and 1 personal) that you have asked to assess your potential for leadership in rural Arizona by completing an online Recommendation Form.

Personal References:

Name _____ Telephone: _____

Address _____

Business References:

Name _____ Telephone: _____

Address _____

Have you ever been arrested and convicted (found guilty) of a crime? Yes No

If yes, give date, location, nature of offense, and disposition: _____

NOTE: An arrest or conviction record will not necessarily bar an applicant from entry into the program but factors such as the passage of time since the offense and the nature of the violation may be considered in selection.

"I am aware of the requisites for my participation in Project CENTRL and give permission to contact the references listed. I have reviewed seminar schedules and the time commitment to be in the program with my employer and spouse (if applicable) and have their approval to fully participate in the program. I agree that any incorrect statements or omission of material facts herein will cause disqualification of my application and understand candidate selection is the sole responsibility of CENTRL Board of Directors serving on the Selection Committee."

Signature _____ Date _____

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...

1. WHAT IS THE CRITERIA FOR BEING SELECTED TO PROJECT CENTRL?

- Must be resident of Arizona and have a strong interest in serving the public needs of rural Arizona.
- Must be 25 years of age by June 1st of the application year or older.
- Must demonstrate current or past leadership accomplishments and a desire to continually improve leadership skills.
- Have a commitment to be an engaged leader in agriculture or in rural Arizona in the future.
- Have commitment and ability to travel, attend, and actively participate in all scheduled seminars. A schedule of seminars will be posted on the Project CENTRL website: www.centrl.org
- Have employer's pre-approval for full participation in the program.
- Must provide references of good character and reputation.
- Have ability to understand and analyze public policy and actively engage in dialog and deliberations on these issues.
- Have diverse professional background and representation of rural Arizona.

2. HOW DOES THE SELECTION PROCESS WORK?

- Candidates must submit a completed application packet to the CENTRL office by March 15 for class beginning in June.
- Interviews will be scheduled in early April for selected candidates.
- At the discretion of the Selection Committee, up to 16 candidates will be invited to participate in the new class.
- Efforts will be made to select at least one candidate from each county in Arizona.
- All candidates will be notified by email of the final selection in May.

3. WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS ONCE SELECTED INTO PROJECT CENTRL?

- **Attendance at all seminars is mandatory.**
- Invited candidates are required to sign a Personal Commitment Form to be seated in the current class.
- Provide personal transportation to and from seminars and point of departure for international and national seminars.
- Actively participate during sessions and contribute towards accomplishing seminar objectives.
- Complete required reading assignments and review of related literature as assigned.
- Arrive at each seminar with an open and inquiring mind, a willingness to learn, and respect of the opinions of others.
- Serve as class chair for selected sessions and perform other leadership exercises and assignments as needed.
- Complete an online evaluation form within one week after each seminar.
- Attend at least one CENTRL Regional Connection (CRC) meeting during the one-year program.

Visit www.centrl.org for more information
All applications submitted to the CENTRL Office
are considered confidential.

The board of directors selects each class specifically to reflect rural Arizona. Candidates not selected for this class may be a better match for a future class. Candidates who wish to be considered for the next class MUST notify the CENTRL staff. A new application is not needed unless there are changes.

Candidate Recommendation – REFERENCE GUIDE

**All recommendations must be received by the CENTRL Office by March 15
This material will be held confidential**

Candidate Information:

Name: _____
Print or type
Address: _____

Telephone: _____

To the Candidate:

The preference is for **online completion**. This Candidate Recommendation Form can be used for reference. Recommendations should be completed by individuals (excluding relatives) you think are in the best position to comment on the nature and scope of your potential as a leader in rural Arizona. One (1) personal & One (1) professional recommendation should be designated on your application.

Recommender Information:

Name: _____
Print or type
Address: _____

Telephone: _____
Email: _____

This recommendation is: (check one)

Personal Business

To the Recommender: Visit www.centrl.org and click “Apply Here” to find link to fillable online form.

The Project CENTRL experience is designed for those who have demonstrated leadership potential to meet the needs of rural Arizona. Thank you for your assistance in judging this candidate through your evaluation of his/her abilities and attitudes. Your recommendation is an important part of the candidate’s application packet and will be held in strict confidence. Please complete this form online before **March 15**.

If you are unable to complete online, please email to scott@centrl.org; fax to; 602-827-8292 to mail to Project CENTRL 4341 E Broadway Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85013.

1. Please rate the following characteristics about the Candidate:

Esteem in which he/she is held in the community	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
Ability to communicate	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
Demonstrated leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
Ability to work effectively with others	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
Overall assessment of leadership potential	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair

2. State the nature and duration of knowing the candidate:

3. How do you feel this candidate and rural Arizona would benefit from his/her participation in the Project CENTRL leadership program? We need your frank and confidential response to this question based on your knowledge of this candidate. (additional sheets may be attached)

Signature of Recommender: _____ Date _____

Employer Approval Form – REFERENCE GUIDE

Candidate's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Note to the Candidate:

The **Employer Approval Form** must be completed. The preference is through the online fillable form found at: www.centrl.org click "Apply Here" It must be received prior to **March 15**. Candidate's that are self-employed need to complete the entire form. If your employer is unable to complete online, the completed form must be faxed (602)-827-8292, emailed (scott@centrl.org) or mailed to the Project CENTRL office, 4341 E. Broadway Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85040.

Note to Employer: Please visit www.centrl.org and click "Apply Here" Follow the link to the fillable online form.

Your employee is an applicant for Project CENTRL. To be considered for this honor, candidates must receive advanced approval from their employer.

An impressive and growing legacy of leadership and public service demonstrated by over 600 Project CENTRL Alumni has clearly demonstrated the added value gained from the leadership program. The following are among the many professional benefits the CENTRL experience will contribute to the workplace:

- Understand all sides of an issue and work collaboratively to resolve conflicts among diverse audiences;
- Draw from a network of contacts and resources at the local, regional, state, national and international level;
- Facilitate communication, build consensus, and resolve conflicts among diverse audiences; and,
- Become more aware of emerging challenges facing Arizona and become more effective in finding solutions.

Attendance is **mandatory at all seminars** and crucial to the success of the educational experience. Employers must give their approval for an employee to be away from his/her workplace to attend scheduled Project CENTRL seminars over a one-year period. Seven state seminars are held from Thursday evening through Saturday at different Arizona locations. The CENTRL experience also includes a five-day international study tour in Mexico and a six-day national seminar held in Washington D. C.

Your signature below (or online) is an official authorization for the above employee to fully participate in CENTRL.

Employer's Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Title: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Employer's Signature of Approval

Date

Please contact the Project CENTRL Office at (602) 827-8227 or visit the CENTRL website at www.centrl.org for additional information.