

ROSE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2022-23 Roots & Branches Member Application

Application Deadline is Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.
Get Involved. Get Connected. Give Together.

Each year, Roots & Branches Foundation brings together a diverse, talented and motivated group of Jewish people, ages 25 to 40, to use their Jewish values and the tools of strategic philanthropy to make a positive difference in the Greater Denver Community.

Roots & Branches Foundation members...

- Engage in strategic philanthropy by identifying a community need, learning about nonprofits, and awarding grants totaling roughly \$50,000.
- Leverage time, talent and personal philanthropy.
- Connect Jewish values to the good they seek to do.
- Learn about and connect with the Greater Denver and Boulder community.
- Become a part of the next generation of funders at Rose Community Foundation.

The Commitment

Accepted members are required to:

- Attend and participate in all meetings, one pre-approved absence is permitted. *If participants are feeling ill they are encouraged to participate via Zoom when possible.*
- Spend time outside of meetings connecting with fellow members, researching community issues, reading relevant materials and grant proposals, and meeting with nonprofits for Listening and Learning Conversations that take place in January of 2023 during regular business hours.
- Carefully read, understand and accept Rose Community Foundation's Conflict of Interest Policy, Confidentiality Agreement, Authorization and Release, and present proof of COVID-19 vaccination prior to participation in the program.
- Make a personally meaningful donation to the Roots & Branches Foundation grantmaking pool. We recognize that members have diverse circumstances and we believe philanthropy is defined by intention and commitment, not by gift size, so there is no recommended donation amount. Individual gift size is kept confidential between members.

Members of Roots & Branches Foundation work together in the spirit of consensus; all voices and perspectives are considered before a final decision is reached. This kind of collaboration requires participants to be curious, open, patient and committed to the process, not just the outcomes. Working as a team in this way is rewarding, but we recognize it is not for everyone. We ask applicants to consider their comfort with group collaboration before applying.

The Meetings

Members of Roots & Branches Foundation will meet for seven sessions over eight months, from July 2022 through February 2023. Meetings will be held in-person at Rose Community Foundation (4500 Cherry Creek Drive S, Suite 900, Denver, CO, 80246). Rose Community Foundation staff supports the group and facilitates its meetings.

1. Sunday, July 17, 2022 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
2. Tuesday, August 16, 2022 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
3. Tuesday, September 13, 2022 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

October 16, 2022 Time and Location TBD: Sukkot celebration with partners and families

4. Tuesday, November 8, 2022 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. **virtual**
5. Sunday, December 4, 2022 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
6. Tuesday, January 24, 2023 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
7. Sunday, February 12, 2023 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

The Funds

Rose Community Foundation seeds the group's grantmaking with \$30,000 and provides a dollar-for-dollar match for member's combined contributions, up to \$10,000. All members are asked to make a personally meaningful donation. There is no

recommended contribution amount and all amounts donated are confidential. 100% of member contributions are donated to the community.

Member Eligibility

All applicants should:

- Reside within the Greater Denver community of Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson counties
- Should identify as Jewish
- Be between the ages of 25 and 40 years old

The Application Process

Applying to be part of Roots & Branches Foundation is a two part process: (1) the written application and (2) an informal, informational interview with a program alum. The written application must be submitted online by Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. Once you create a Formsite login and password you will be able to save and return to your application before submitting.

All interested applicants are matched with a Roots & Branches Foundation alum for an informal, informational interview. The purpose of these conversations are for the applicant to gain a deeper understanding of the program and for the Foundation to get to know applicants "off-the-page." There is nothing for applicants to prepare in advance of these conversations. Please indicate your interest in applying to Roots & Branches Foundation as soon as possible by filling out [this form](#). We do our best to match applicants and alumni that frequent similar parts of town. Applicants will be contacted by alumni to coordinate meeting place, date, and time once the form has been completed.

Selection

All applications are reviewed by a committee comprised of Roots & Branches alumni, Rose Community Foundation staff and Philanthropic Services Committee members. The selection committee discusses each application and selects members primarily for their demographic, professional, personal and Jewish diversity, and for the degree to which each applicant stands to benefit from and contribute to the Roots & Branches experience. All applicants will be notified of selection decisions by Friday, June 24th.

First Name *

Last Name *

Street Address *

Address Line 2

City *

State *

Zip Code *

Phone Number *

Email Address *

Employer *

Job Title *

How long have you lived in the Greater Denver or Boulder area? *

Age as of July 2022: *

Gender *

I am... *

- Single
- Partnered/in a committed relationship
- Other

Do you have children? *

- Yes
- No
- Other (please describe)

Do you identify as Jewish? *

- Yes
- No
- Other (please describe)

We believe meetings are better with a meal! Please let us know any dietary restrictions or preferences, we try to be as accommodating as possible. *

- Strict Kosher: I require a certified Kosher meal
- Flexible Kosher: I will eat vegetarian meals out
- Vegetarian
- Vegan
- Gluten Free
- Dairy Free
- None
- Other

Rose Community Foundation is committed to providing an equitable participation environment for all members of Roots & Branches Foundation. Please let us know of any ability accommodations you would like us to be aware of to improve your Roots & Branches Foundation experience. *Responses to this question will be used to make Roots & Branches Foundation more inclusive and welcoming for all, and will not affect an applicants selection decision. Staff may follow up with accepted applicants to better understand and accommodate needs.*

In accordance with Rose Community Foundation policy and for the health and safety of staff and members, we require that all accepted members of Roots & Branches Foundation be vaccinated against COVID-19. Will you be fully vaccinated, including eligible boosters, by July, 2022? *

- Yes
- No

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Application Questions

Please use details and examples in responding to the application questions below. There are no "right" answers. Diversity of experience and perspective is an important selection criterion for us, so your answers should help the selection committee hear your authentic voice. Responses to long answer questions should be one to two paragraphs in length and a maximum of 200 words. At the bottom of the screen, there is a button you can use to save your progress.

1a. We want to get to know you! Tell us about yourself in a short third person bio. Include your professional and academic journey, life achievements, interests, surprising facts, hopes and dreams. If you are selected, these bios will be shared with your fellow members. *

0/200 words

1b. Upload a headshot to accompany your bio. Please select a high-resolution photo with only you in the frame. *This will be left off the application the selection committee sees and is used for the program if you are selected.*

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2. Why are you interested in participating in Roots & Branches Foundation? What do you hope to gain or learn from this experience? In what ways will the group benefit from your participation? *

0/200 words

3. What does being Jewish mean to you now and what has your Jewish journey been like so far? We are looking for people with diverse Jewish identities and backgrounds.


Judaism may be a relatively big or small part of your life and may be a mixture of positive, negative, lack-luster or life-changing experiences, we want to hear about it. *

0/200 words

4. Tell us about someone or something that inspires you to give. Stories can reference giving in anyform: time, talent, money, experience, or something else. *

0/200 words

5. List your current volunteer, leadership and community commitments within and outside the Jewish community.

6. How did you hear about Roots & Branches Foundation? *

7. Have you applied to participate in Roots & Branches Foundation before?

Yes

No

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