



NCFP Board Member Training Resources

The National Center for Family Philanthropy offers a wide variety of programs and resources designed to orient and train current and future family foundation board members. These include both self-directed reading, virtual learning opportunities, workshops, and staff-guided trainings.

Complimentary Resources for NCFP Friends

Fundamentals in Family Philanthropy Webinar Series

The monthly [Fundamentals of Family Philanthropy](#) webinar series provides guidance on the core tenets of effective family philanthropy—from motivations and values to governance, grantmaking, and succession. The series equips giving families with the latest information on evergreen topics in the donor lifecycle through practical takeaways and diverse family stories that illustrate important practices.

NCFP Salons

NCFP Salons are small group conversations where peers are led by an expert to discuss a concept, theme, or case study around the how and what of family philanthropy. The salons promote group discourse and learning in an intimate, conversational setting.

Peer Networks and Peer Referrals

NCFP's [Peer Networks](#) are small-group conversations focused on a particular group, population, or topic. Peer Networks are peer-directed, with NCFP staff and other outside experts serving as resources. Current Peer Networks targeted towards board members include our Board Chair Peer Network and our Emerging Leaders Peer Network (launches summer 2021). In addition to Peer Networks, NCFP staff regularly offer customized referrals and personal introductions to other members of the NCFP community who can offer guidance and perspective on the role of board member.

Self-Guided and Staff-Curated Learning

NCFP's Knowledge Center is the premier source for family philanthropy information, and our staff are available at all times to support curation and selection of appropriate information for NCFP Friends. Our Knowledge Center features an unparalleled variety of Content Collections designed to help you find quality resources easily. Collections of particular relevance and interest to family foundation board members include: [Governance Essentials](#); [Family Foundation Board Chair Roles and Responsibilities](#); [Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion](#); [Family Dynamics: Avoiding Avoidance in Family Philanthropy](#); and many more.

For additional support related to NCFP's Knowledge Center and Peer Networks, please contact Jason Born at jason.born@ncfp.org or Katie Scott at katie.scott@ncfp.org.

Workshops, Retreats and Seminar

Trustee Education Institute

NCFP's [Trustee Education Institute](#), to be next held on September 28-30, 2021, features a faculty made up of donors, board members, and foundation experts, and provides a comprehensive introduction to important legal, investment, ethical, grantmaking, and family dynamics issues facing family foundation board members. *Offered annually in September; cost: \$995 per attendee (20% discount for 4 attendees or more).*

National Forum on Family Philanthropy

NCFP's National Forum, held every other year, offers two and a half days of peer networking and thought-provoking conversations led by some of the greatest thought leaders in family giving. Forum sessions featured the perspectives of donors and family members in an environment that fosters both confidential and candid discussions. *Will next be held in Fall 2022; cost: \$1395-\$2195 per attendee (20% discount for 4 attendees or more).*

Paid Trainings and Consultations

Customized Trainings from NCFP Staff and Fellows

On a limited basis, NCFP leadership staff, including NCFP President Nicholas Tedesco, Senior Fellow Ginny Esposito, and Senior Advisor Katherine Lorenz, are available for customized speaking engagements and trainings for individual families or small groups. These trainings may focus on a specific aspect of family philanthropy governance or grantmaking, or a series of trainings on various aspects of the board role. *Cost varies by engagement, typically \$2500 per session and up.*

Learning and Action Networks

NCFP Learning and Action Networks (LANs) are ongoing cohorts of family foundation board members dedicated to deep shared learning about a specific concept in family philanthropy. Each LAN cohort collectively works through a curriculum with discrete learnings carried out by multiple peer learning events led by experts in the field. 2021 LAN topics include Racial Justice, led by Bari Katz and Edgar Villanueva, and Impact Investing, led by Mission Investors Exchange. *Cost varies by cohort; typically, \$1000 to \$2500 per attendee.*

Colleague and Partner Trainings and Consulting Referrals

As the nation's leading hub for family philanthropy, NCFP has developed deep partnerships with a broad spectrum of philanthropy consultants and resource organizations offering field expertise for boards and donors. NCFP Friends are eligible to receive complimentary referrals, as well as invitations and access to specialized partner events and trainings from groups such as The Philanthropy Workshop, Trust-based Philanthropy Project, Arabella Advisors, Mission Investors Exchange, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, and many more. *See our full list of [Content Partners and Partner Subscribers](#).*