



2025 Social Justice Fellowships Program Application Instructions

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, August 25, 2025, at 6:00pm PDT

Please email all 3 required documents to: info@socialjusticefundvc.org

Letter of Interest (LOI)

Please compose an LOI and number each section as follows. Formatting and Length: Please limit your entire letter of interest to a maximum of **3 pages**. Use an 11-point font or larger and set margins 0.5 inches minimum.

1. Include your name, email, mailing address, and phone number.
2. Briefly describe yourself. Highlight initiatives you have taken for social justice in the past. Emphasize any acts of leadership and initiative you have shown for which you are proud.
3. What is your project and what is the specific problem your project is addressing? (For example: educating adults on services available to help children, projects to create affordable transportation for low-income workers, efforts to help low-income children pursue their education, offering services to help foster children or some other population, etc.).
4. If your project is successful, what will change? What measurable goals do you have?
5. List some major actions you plan to take. Explain how they are tied to your goal(s).
6. How much financial support are you seeking from the Social Justice Fund? Why? Include an itemized budget for these expenses. Be specific!
7. Explain your financial status and how a grant will help the progress of the project.
8. If you do not receive this funding, how do you plan to continue this work?
9. Find a sponsor who is either an established nonprofit in Ventura County or a subject matter expert (such as a professor) who will be a mentor for the project. Please include your sponsor's name, address, phone number and email address.

Additional Documents Required

- Please obtain and include a letter from your sponsor explaining how they will support you. (See item #9 above.)
- Please submit two letters of recommendation from non-family members (e.g., past teachers, employers, colleagues, etc.) who know your potential to lead.

Application Checklist

- Letter of Interest (LOI)
- Letter from your sponsor
- Two letters of recommendation

For questions, please contact Jonathan "Mac" Macaranas at jon.mac@socialjusticefundvc.org.

SJFVC is committed to supporting applicants, and we are more than happy to call or zoom with you to assist in any way we can.



Applicant Workshops

Please join us for any of following zoom workshops to ask questions and learn more about the Fellowships.

If you are unable to zoom, please contact Mac for other arrangements: jon.mac@socialjusticefundvc.org, (805) 253-3624.

We also want to offer direct one-on-one or small group assistance provided by our SJFVC Board Members. We understand that many emerging leaders may be unfamiliar with application processes like this, so we will partner with you on how to capture and provide your best thinking for your important social justice project.

Applicant Workshop	Day	Date	Time*	Zoom
1	Wed	July 09	6:30 pm	< Workshop Link > ~ or ~ < Join Zoom > Meeting ID: 819 3755 9655 Passcode: 813716
2	Sat	July 19	11:00 am	
3	Wed	July 23	6:30 pm	
4	Wed	Aug 06	6:30 pm	
5	Wed	Aug 13	6:30 pm	
6	Sat	Aug 16	11:00 am	
7	Wed	Aug 20	6:30 pm	
8**	Sat	Aug 23	11:00 am	

* We will close the zoom after 10 mins if no one is in attendance. If you are running late, email or call and we will keep the zoom open: jon.mac@socialjusticefundvc.org, (805) 253-3624.

** Workshop #8 is the final workshop before the submission deadline of Monday, August 25.