

THE LEARNERS LAB (TLL) FISCAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

We're Pleased To Announce The Fiscal Sponsorship Application Cycle Is Open!

The Learners Lab (TLL) is the nation's first charitable *Workforce Training & Fiscal Sponsorship Resource Center*. Our 501(c)(3) public non-profit status is sub chartered under the designation for entities engaged in job training, professional development, and other activities directed to individuals. As a charitable non-profit training center our primary mission is to eliminate training obstacles such as high cost, access and resources by making them available to individuals as well as employers.

Our primary operations will be renting space for training, self-study & exam proctoring purposes, operating a virtual training lab for a modest fee, and operating a number of special workforce training programs, including our *Math, Science & Technology Center (MSTC) Corporate Partnership*. We'll be developing proprietary self-training & tutorial materials hosted on our virtual private library/computer lab which will include port links to resources donated by other training and professional development vendors. And we will be developing and hosting other continuing & job readiness programs, and complimentary memberships to qualifying individuals & specialty groups (such as transitioning military and adult literacy programs). TLL's membership program will make training possible for those who otherwise have insufficient or no access to skill enhancement resources.

As a start-up of volunteers, so we know first-hand the challenges and other shortfalls that exist for those pursuing status as a tax exempt entity; our own journey was far many too years in the making. Therefore, in addition to the above activities, TLL serves as a fiscal sponsor for qualifying entities pursuing their tax exempt status their 501(c)(3) or are new entities in the initial/early stages once their tax exempt status has been granted by the IRS.

TLL is working to build a network of mentor partner and other resources to help us help minimize as many of those hurdles as is possible. Though we are just getting started ourselves, there's still plenty of support we can offer and facilitate. So instead of following the standard model of establishing a template program, our assistance will be customized to the specific need each applicant, and we'll endeavor to assist every entity that applies.

Program Categories

The qualifying categories for TLL's Fiscal Sponsorship program are as follows:

- Entities Pursuing But Not Ready to File for Tax Exempt Status
- Entities Ready to File for Tax Exempt Status But Require Some Additional Assistance First
- Entities With a F1023/1024 Application Already Pending Before the IRS
- Recently Approved 501s Needing Only Contribution Processing Services

Fiscal Sponsor opportunities are only granted for US entities pursuing or recently granted status as a US tax exempt entity (charity, nonprofit, foundation, association, other designation as defined by the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS)). Feel free to visit the IRS website at www.IRS.gov for clarification on the definition of a tax exempt entity.

Fiscal Sponsorship Program Process

TLL's Fiscal Sponsorship Program process consists of three steps: (a) application submission, (b) review, interviews, and selection notification, and (c) awardee welcome & formal registration into the program. The application has a nominal non-refundable fee and the official program registration includes a flat, one-time program setup fee.

Fiscal Sponsorship program length runs 6 months - 2-years. In fairness to other applicants, we cannot entertain program renewals. Our goal is to help every applicant that applies for help. However, the application is not an automatic invitation to participate nor does it guarantee admittance.

The application is available by download from www.TheLearnersLab/TLL/FSApp2016.pdf. For more information, feel free to reach out to FSponsors@TheLearnersLab.org, we'll respond as quickly as possible.

Thank you.