



**TIPS FOR YOUR TRAILBLAZER
FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION**

Welcome!

We are excited that you are here and considering applying for the Ann Bancroft Foundation Trailblazer Fellowship!



What is the ABF Trailblazer Fellowship?

The ABF Trailblazer Fellowship is designed for previous grantee's who are currently in grades 9-12 to re-apply for a second grant. In addition to a second grant up to \$2,500, recipients will participate in a year-long cohort experience. A **cohort** is a small group of individuals who come together regularly to learn and grow together under the guidance of an experienced facilitator. This is an interactive experience focused on mentorship and professional development.

As part of receiving the grant, full and engaged participation is expected of each applicant.

Before starting your application, you will need...

- To have already received a grant from the Ann Bancroft Foundation AND be in grades 9-12 currently.
- A dream/vision that you have for an activity, project, or goal you are striving toward.
- A mentor who will support your dream and assist with your application.
 - A mentor can be a family friend, neighbor, a teacher, or other trusted adult
 - A mentor cannot be an immediate relative (a parent, sibling, aunt/uncle, grandparent, etc.) OR someone who works for the activity provider (such as a coach or instructor)
- An activity provider
 - This is the person who has organized the activity (a sports team, your school)
 - Think of this as the person you pay to participate in the activity

Example

- Julia loves to write, cook, and volunteer. Julia is in high school and dreams of going to college, then writing her own cookbook one day.
- Julia wants to apply for a grant to buy a camera and take photography classes for her book, then publish her own book.
- Julia asks her neighbor, who has taught Julia some recipes, to be her mentor in the application process.



When filling out your application...

- Make sure to fill out each of the prompt questions as best as you can
 - Remember, your audience does not know who you are. Make sure to include details so your audience can follow what you are telling them.
- Check your spelling and grammar – Grammarly is a helpful tool
- Check for complete sentences to ensure you finish your thoughts when responding to the questions
- Make your responses your own – we want to hear **from the grant applicant** about their experiences and dreams
 - Tip: Including details about yourself is how the readers get to know you as a person
- Keep the font and type-size consistent in your application
- Each question has a word-count, follow that guideline when filling out your application
- Be specific in what your activity is and why you want to be part of the fellowship experience

Example Question

Q: If you could share a meal with any individual, living or dead, who would it be and why? What would you ask them?

If I could share a meal with anyone, I would choose to have lunch with my late grandmother. My grandmother died 20 years before I was born from a sudden heart attack on her way home from a trip in Europe. All my life, I've been told I look exactly like her. I want the chance to meet her in-person, hear her stories about how she constantly challenged the status quo (she rode a motorcycle in the 1960s and 1970s). I would ask about her early life, her travel adventures, and her favorite memories. I would also ask her what she would want to see for her grandchildren.

Final tips!

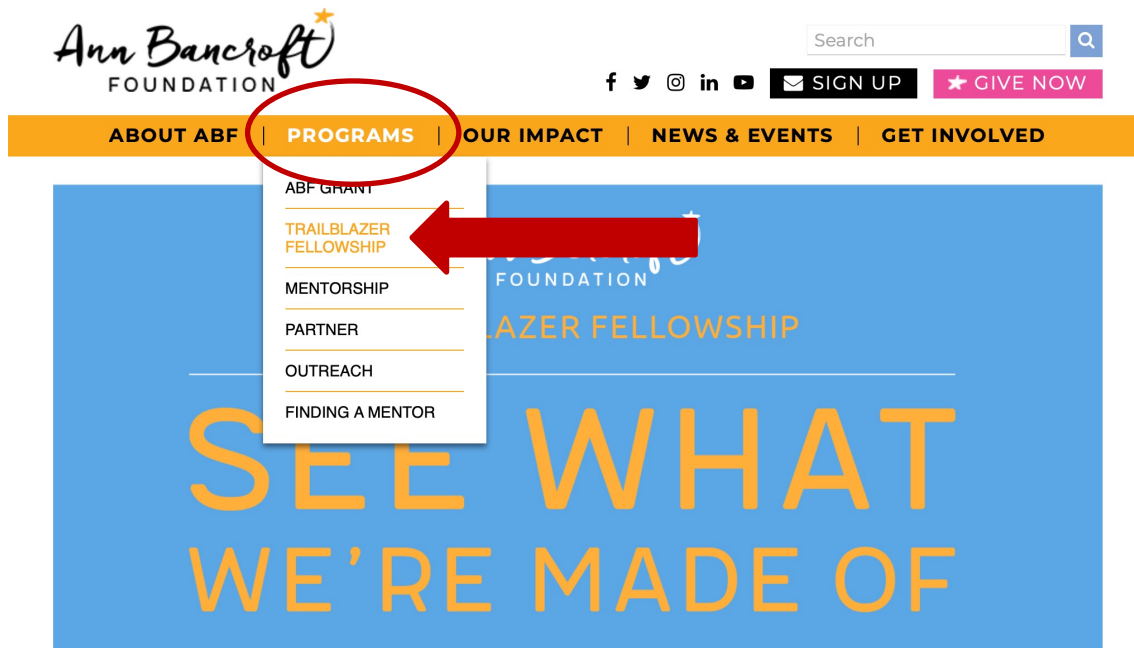
- Read each question thoroughly. Make sure you answer all parts of the question in your response. Use the prompts to know what information to include in your answers.
- Consider including extra materials in your application. While not required, pictures or videos of you doing your activity, a writing sample, or anything else that helps speak to the applicant as an individual can make your application stand out and more fun to read!
- Take your time and don't rush through the application
- Make sure your mentor is fully on board before the application deadline so they can complete their part. Their responses matter!
- Most importantly, be yourself!

HOW TO FILL OUT THE ANN BANCROFT FOUNDATION TRAILBLAZER FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION



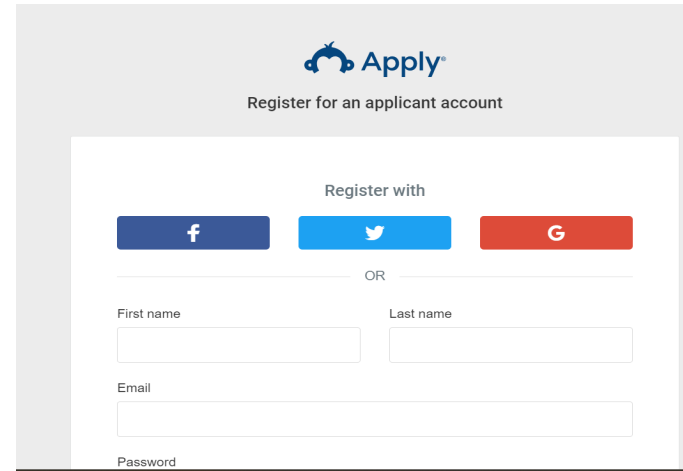
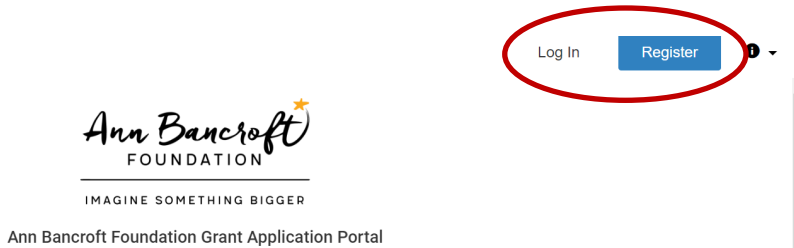
How to Find the Application

- Go to our website at <https://www.annbancroftfoundation.org>
- Then hover over the tab labeled “Programs” and select “Trailblazer Fellowship”



Step 1: Registering an Account

- Make an account or log in to Survey Monkey Apply to begin an application
 - Note: If you are able to, please use a personal email address instead of a school email address. Sometimes we are unable to contact applicants based on privacy settings with the school. Email is our primary form of communication, so it's VERY important that we have a valid email address you check regularly.



ABF Trailblazer Fellowship

The inaugural 2022 Ann Bancroft Foundation (ABF) Trailblazer Fellowship allows previous ABF grantees (Trailblazers) who are currently in 9th to 12th grade to apply for a

Opens
Oct 11 2022 12:00 AM (CDT)
Deadline
Nov 12 2022 11:59 PM (CST)

Step 2 – Eligibility Quiz

- This is the dashboard to start a grant application
- Make sure to complete the eligibility questionnaire to see if you are eligible to apply!

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Ann Bancroft Foundation Spring 2023 Grant Application
7213676738

Deadline: Apr 1 2023 11:59 PM (CDT)

0 of 9 required tasks complete

START

Last edited: Feb 9 2023 03:12 PM (CST)



To continue, please update your eligibility profile

[Complete eligibility profile](#)

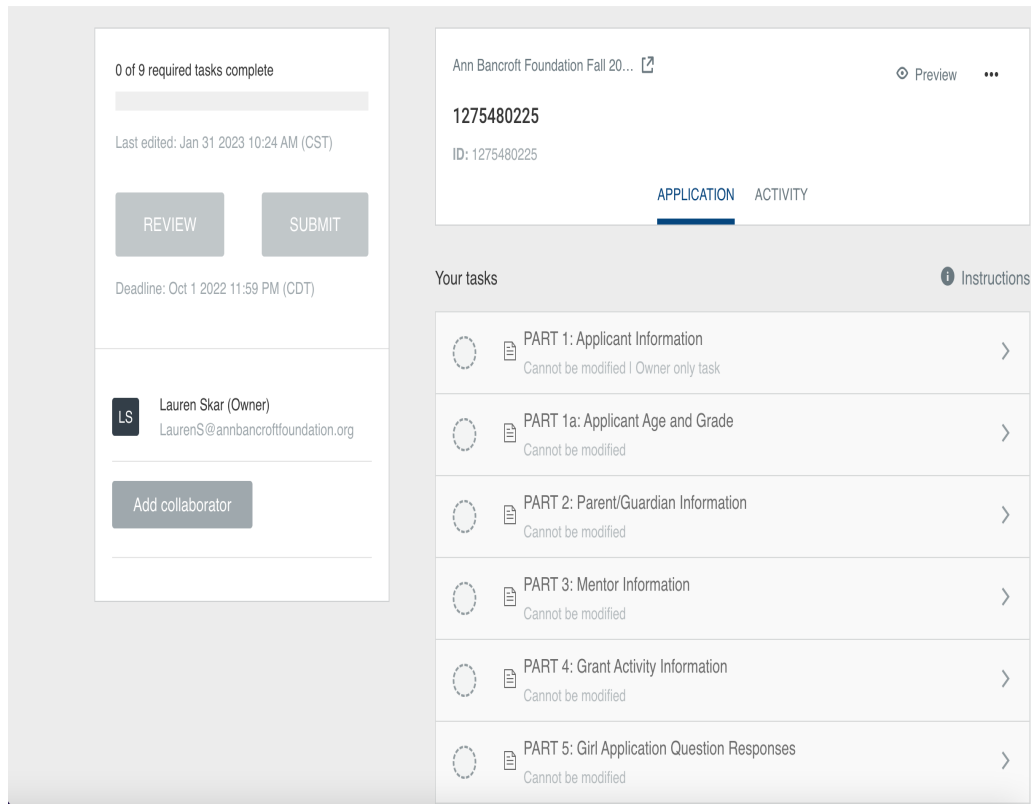
Step 3

- Make sure you change the name on your application form to the grant applicant's first AND last name. Select the three dots (ellipsis) located at the top right corner of your screen. Type your name and press "OK"
- Once done, you can start completing phase one of the application!

The screenshot displays the application management interface. On the left, a sidebar shows the user's profile: Melanie Vang (Owner), email melaniev@annbancroftfoundation.org, and an 'Add collaborator' button. The main content area shows the application details for 'Ann Bancroft Foundation Spring...' with ID 7213676738. A red arrow points to the three-dot menu icon in the top right corner of the application card. A dropdown menu is open, listing 'Rename', 'Download', and 'Delete'. Below this, a yellow warning banner states: 'The current application stage will open on Feb 11 2023 12:00 AM (CST)'. Underneath, there are tabs for 'APPLICATION' and 'ACTIVITY', and a list of tasks: 'PART 1: Applicant Information' and 'PART 1a: Applicant Age and Grade', both marked as 'Cannot be modified | Owner only task'. On the right, a modal dialog titled 'Rename your application' is open. It contains a text input field with 'YOUR NAME|' and a character limit of '75 characters maximum'. A red arrow points from the 'Rename' option in the dropdown menu to this input field. At the bottom of the dialog are 'CANCEL' and 'OK' buttons, with the 'OK' button circled in red.

Step 4

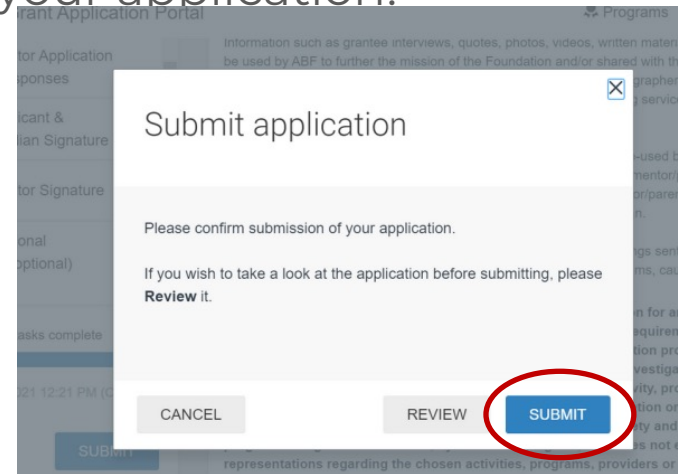
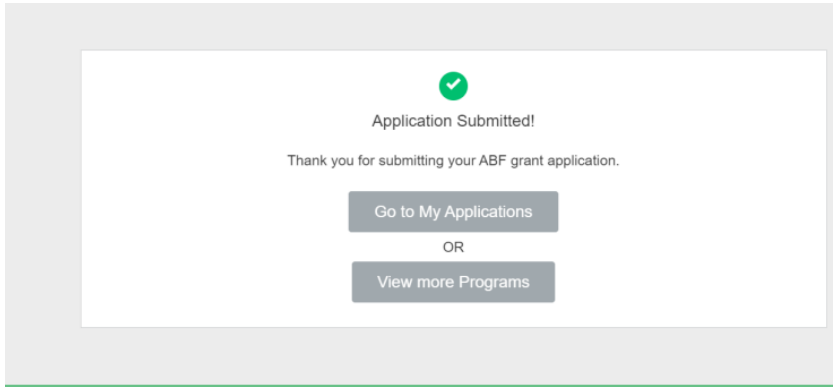
- Now you will start filling out your application!
- The checklist on the left side will show you the tasks left to be complete.
- Once all tasks are filled out, you will be able to "Submit" your application on the left-hand side
- Your application must be fully submitted by the deadline. There are no extensions



The screenshot displays the application portal interface. On the left, a task completion summary shows '0 of 9 required tasks complete' with a progress bar, the last edit time 'Jan 31 2023 10:24 AM (CST)', and a deadline of 'Oct 1 2022 11:59 PM (CDT)'. Below this are 'REVIEW' and 'SUBMIT' buttons, and the user's name 'Lauren Skar (Owner)' with an 'Add collaborator' button. On the right, the application details for 'Ann Bancroft Foundation Fall 20...' are shown, including ID '1275480225' and tabs for 'APPLICATION' and 'ACTIVITY'. A 'Your tasks' section lists five parts: PART 1: Applicant Information, PART 1a: Applicant Age and Grade, PART 2: Parent/Guardian Information, PART 3: Mentor Information, and PART 4: Grant Activity Information. Each part is marked as 'Cannot be modified' and has a right-pointing arrow.

Step 5

- Review your application and submit!
- Review all your answers; check for spelling and grammar errors, and overall completeness.
- Ask your mentor, friends, parents, or a trusted adult for feedback on your application, if you'd like
- When when completed & reviewed, submit your application!



Mentor Short Answer Questions

- In Phase Two of the application process, mentors are asked to complete short answer questions and sign a release form.
- On step 4, you will be asked to add your mentor as a Collaborator to your application.
- Use the “Add Collaborator” button and invite them by adding their email address.

Collaborators

Ann Bancroft Foundation Spring 202...

YOUR NAME

ID: 7213676738

PART 6: Mentor Application Question Responses

Read only

This task must be completed by a collaborator. If you have not added any collaborators your application, add one now and optionally include a short email.

Add collaborator

Add your mentor as a collaborator so that they can fill out the mentor sections of the application.

Email address of collaborators Separate addresses by commas

yourmentor@xyz.com

Message (optional)

(send an optional message to your mentor)

Form for "Mentor Question Responses"

Mentors, please answer the following questions on behalf of your mentee. In addition to reading the response of your mentee, your answers below will help us understand how this grant will help your mentee have a chance to live her dream and reach her full potential.

Reminder: Mentors cannot be an immediate family member (not the girl's parent, guardian, sibling, or uncle) or the activity provider.

1. What is your relationship to your mentee? How and when did you meet?

SEND INVITE

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We are here to help with the application process, so please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

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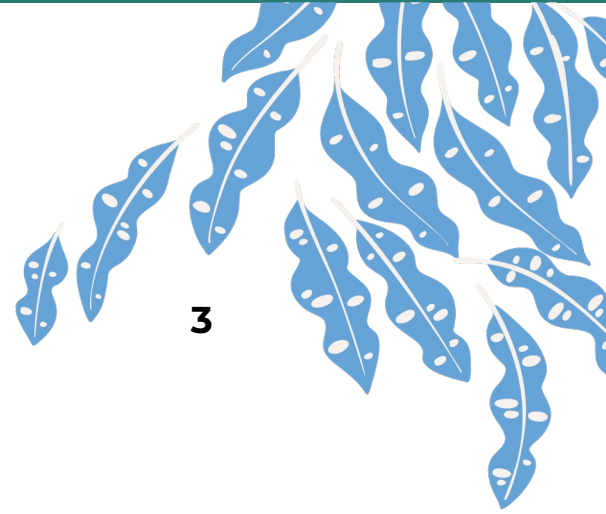
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