

Application for 8 Shields Leadership Initiation Program

Greetings,

Please read this all the way through before working on it.

Due to the intense and sensitive nature of the Leadership Initiation Program all potential participants must fill out an application. After the applications are received by the 8 Shield team a select number of individuals will be invited to join us in becoming highly mentored community leaders with a focus on ceremony.

To complete this process, please:

1. Fill out all of the following questions completely.
2. Save the file/rename it with your name in the title of the file (IE "John Doe – Application for Leadership Initiation Program doc").
3. Email your application to sal@8shields.org

Upon receiving this document, if your application meets our evaluation criteria, we will give you a link to setup a time with one of our 8 Shields Mentors to have a creative conversation about your goals and if the program is the perfect fit for you.

Thank you for your time and interest.

All the best,
8 Shields Institute Staff

(All information is confidential and will only be used for this application)

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Address:

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Why do you think you are a good fit for Leadership Initiation Program?

What would you want to get out of the Leadership Initiation Program?

How would you rate your deep nature connection (1-10 scale, 10 is excellent). Explain.

Have you participated in previous deep nature classes and/or 8 Shields Mentoring?
(Include Tracker School, primitive skills training, and other classes)

Do you have any prior experience with indigenous ceremonies? What traditions?

Who or what is your biggest obstacle in reaching your current aspirations?

Are you prepared to make a financial investment on your journey?

What commitments do you hold as the up most priority in your life?

Do you currently have any “anchors”, people in your life that can help you to uphold your commitments in times of challenge?

Tell about your current and previous career paths:

Are you currently under any psychological care? If so, how is it going?

Do you have any physical limitations? Explain.

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8 Sacred Attributes:

Please give some indication of your sense of these attributes in your experience. Your score on this does not determine your eligibility in this mentoring path!!! Please be honest.

I embody these attributes on a scale of 1(lowest) to 10 (highest):

1) Quiet Mind, sense of peace, inner stillness, quietness

Comments (optional):

2) Happiness (as seen in children, full of life and excitement)

Comments (optional):

3) Being Truly Helpful expressed as seeing things that need to be done, and doing them, before being asked; sense of commitment to interdependence / giving of one's self for the health of the 'village'

Comments (optional):

4) Committed to help others experience deep connection to self, nature and others

Comments (optional):

5) Deeply felt connection to nature, sensivity & empathy for living things (non-human)

Comments (optional):

6) Deeply felt connection to people, sensitivity and understanding for people

Comments (optional):

7) Feeling fully alive; called to put yourself into things with full commitment, for example: if singing, putting yourself completely into the experience of singing—giving it your all; expressed in all the activities that you participate in that you care about

Comments (optional):

8) Vitality / quickness / abundance of electricity in the body / mind / spirit

Comments (optional):

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On a scale of 0 (lowest) to 10 (highest), rate how well your community has supported you and others in integrating into the following life stage experiences. (Please feel free to make comments as well):

Life Stage Experiences:	For You (0 to 10):	For Others (0 to 10):
<p>Welcoming a New Born (Zero)</p> <p>Were YOU welcomed as a newborn? Do other infants have welcoming / blessings where people express themselves authentically to the child?</p>		
<p>Rites of Passage Training/Preparation for Adulthood (10 to 12 years)</p> <p>A child near the age of 12 longs for preparation and understanding of what it will mean to be part of the adult world. Include deep nature connection.</p>		
<p>Initiation/Welcoming Into Adulthood (18ish)</p> <p>A formal, witnessed and carefully anchored journey into adult responsibility and awareness of the needs of the people.</p>		
<p>Search for Personal Purpose & Vision (Early 20's)</p> <p>Again, a carefully guided, process building on the stages listed above. It is not about four day sitting in the forest only—it is about the two to three years of preparation beforehand, and the two years of integration after as well.</p>		

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<p>Period of Deeper Community Service (30's)</p> <p>Our gifts go into action. All we learned from our last stages, especially the last one, are brought to play as we begin to take on our gifts and bring them to the people.</p>		
<p>Community Leadership (Late 40's to 50's)</p> <p>After years, maybe decades of service, we are now fully powerful in our gifts. Our experiences with people and life are shining through and our voice and confidence is strong.</p>		
<p>Teacher, Elder (60's & 70's)</p> <p>At this point, the power of the life's journey prior has given one the tools necessary to help others in life.</p>		
<p>Spiritual Advisor (80's & beyond)</p> <p>These individual represent a deep source of love and power in a healthy community.</p>		