

CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Any undergraduate student attending a College or University in Florida is eligible to apply. You must be 18 or older by October 1, 2020.

DO I NEED TO PAY TO PARTICIPATE?

Participation in the 2020-2021 Cohort is free to students, underwritten by our generous donors. Funding is provided to cover travel for various events or program activities that present a financial barrier to participation.

HOW LONG IS THE PROGRAM?

October 2020 – May 31, 2021 are the official dates for the Cohort although summer 2021 programming will be offered for those who wish to continue to engage through the summer.

HOW MUCH OF A TIME COMMITMENT IS CLI?

CLI is designed to let you take advantage of opportunities as you are able to fit them into your schedule as a student. We understand that circumstances vary from person to person. We ask that you commit to at least five offered opportunities within your Cohort year.

WHAT KINDS OF EXPERIENCES ARE OFFERED TO STUDENTS?

Students are offered a variety of experiences to accommodate different interests, circumstances, and availabilities. Topics include leadership and career development, community science, land management, environmental education, and more.

Opportunities include remote online learning, local events, and statewide events. Past experiences have included:

- Everglades Action Day in Tallahassee, FL
- Northshore Birding Festival, Apopka, FL
- Bird ID Workshops
- Birding by Kayak Field Trip
- Bird Banding Events

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IS TRAVEL REQUIRED?

You will be expected to participate at the local level with your nearby Audubon chapter. However, optional opportunities across the state may also be offered for those that are willing and able to travel. Funding is available to offset travel costs. We will do our best to help coordinate carpool options, if needed.

WILL COVID-19 AFFECT THE CLI PROGRAM?

In response to COVID-19, the CLI program will begin virtually in October. Whether future events will be hosted virtually or in-person is dependent upon the progression of the pandemic and subsequent CDC guidelines. Virtual events will be hosted through Zoom, an online meeting platform, therefore a device with internet access will be necessary for program involvement. If you do not have access to a device with internet, we recommend contacting your school's Financial Aid department to discover what options are available through the CARES Act.

WHAT IS A CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP ACADEMY?

Conservation Leadership Academies, or CLAs, are one-day regional leadership events for college students. Local college students outside of CLI will come together and CLI students will work with regional Audubon leaders to help plan one of these events throughout the year.

HOW ARE MEMBERS OF THE COHORT SELECTED?

An Audubon Florida selection committee reviews applications as they are submitted using a rubric grading system. Once applications close, grades will be compared and 25 students will be invited to join the Cohort. There are a variety of factors considered when selecting the Cohort. Most importantly, we are looking for students with a deep desire to learn, a willingness to participate, and an interest in Audubon and conservation initiatives. We highly encourage you to apply even if you don't yet have much experience in the conservation field.

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