

Board Leadership Institute 2026

A STRONG BOARD IS KEY FOR A SUCCESSFUL NONPROFIT

The nonprofit board is charged with:

- Legal, fiduciary oversight
- Planning and setting strategic direction
- Attracting and stewarding resources
- Hiring and evaluating the chief executive

Your leadership team can learn and adopt the practices of high performing boards. Applications are now being accepted for the 2026 Board Leadership Institute.

ABOUT THE BOARD LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Center for Nonprofit Leadership at Cal Lutheran is pleased to announce the application process for the 2026 cohort of the Board Leadership Institute. This five-month certificate program will enhance the knowledge and skills among leadership teams comprised of nonprofit board members and their head of staff (CEO or Executive Directors).

The goal of the program is to improve board governance practices, fiduciary oversight and the skills and abilities of boards of directors to steward our region's nonprofit organizations

CERTIFICATION

Each organization will receive a Certificate of Completion, useful for resumes, references, and grant applications. All Certificate holders will be listed on the Center for Nonprofit Leadership's website.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Only nonprofits serving Santa Barbara County are eligible for this cohort. Participating organization are required to send a leadership team of two to three board members and the organization's current head of staff (CEO or Executive Director).

Ideally this is a mix of seasoned board members and emerging leaders. For the greatest impact, the board chair is strongly encouraged to be part of this group. We ask that the team remain consistent through the life of the program and that each person make every effort to attend all sessions to offer the greatest depth and continuity to the Board Leadership Institute experience.

HOW TO APPLY

Space is limited, and participation is by application. To apply, visit: <https://bit.ly/BLISB2026>
Application deadline: **Friday, May 29, 2026**
Registration fee* of \$150 due: **July 21, 2026**



COHORT #2

Most meetings will be hosted via Zoom.

Session Dates:

Mandatory Orientation

**June 9, 2026 | 10:00a.m. -11:30 a.m.

Board Service 101

June 16 & 23, 2026 | 8:45a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Board / Staff Partnership

July 21 & 28 2026 | 8:45a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Strategy, Planning, & Strategic Recruitment

August 18 & **August 25, 2026 | 8:45a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Financial Oversight

September 22 & 29, 2026 | 8:45a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Development & Fundraising

** October 13, 2026 | 8:45a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

****In-Person Sessions: Santa Barbara Foundation Offices**

Pricing:

Not-Yet-an-Organizational Member: \$150 per team

CNL Organizational Members: no additional fee to participate

Program fees for a **team of up to four (4) people** include digital program materials, and access to the Board Leadership Institute portal of resources

