

# KFTC Organizing Academy

## Pilot Program Application

KFTC's new Organizing Academy represents a growing commitment to building progressive power through expanding and deepening grassroots leadership and movements in Kentucky. The Academy increases KFTC's capacity for developing new grassroots leaders with more popular education-oriented training to help emerging leaders develop their information, skills, relationships and confidence.

The Academy complements the Community Organizer Apprentice Program (a 19-month, on-the-job training program.) that began in June 2017.

The Academy will include an initial cohort of about 20 participants who (along with KFTC leaders, staff and allies) will engage in a six-month training program beginning in January 2018 and concluding in June 2018. The training cohort will consist of meeting every third Saturday of the month for a training scheduled from 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. from January through June 2018. The cohort will also ask that participants read, listen, watch and engage with various resources throughout their training, as well as participate in discussions and reflections with your fellow cohort members on video chats and in an online platform throughout the six-month period.

As members of the pilot cohort, participants will be asked to help KFTC evaluate the Organizing Academy and shape future programs. Therefore we are looking for people who believe in organizing as a primary strategy, are committed to the future of KFTC and look to apply their skills learned in your community, KFTC chapter or your grassroots organization.

### **Deadline for Application: October 13**

Participants will be invited to participate in the pilot cohort by December 1

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Beth Howard at [bethhoward@kftc.org](mailto:bethhoward@kftc.org) or at 386-299-2921. Use more paper if needed for your answers.

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Name

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Phone Number

Your KFTC Chapter or Region Where You Live:

Please tell us a bit about yourself and briefly describe the path that you have traveled that has led you to apply for the pilot cohort of the Organizing Academy. Please lift up your work with KFTC specifically. Why do you feel that this academy cohort program is a good fit for you?

There are many ways to work for change – policy work, advocacy, direct service, etc. Why do you want to do community organizing?

We are looking for participants in the organizing academy to be committed to using the skills they learn in the program to organize in their region. How do you envision using the skills you learn in the academy to build grassroots power in your chapter or region, especially in this political moment?

What do you see as KFTC's greatest strengths and also challenges? How do you see working within those strengths and challenges as a graduate of the KFTC Organizing Academy?

We are asking candidates to make a commitment to participate in all elements of the Academy to the best of their abilities. The components of the Academy are one Saturday a month (every third Saturday of the month from 10:30 a.m. ET till 4:30 p.m. ET January thru June 2018), as well as online discussions with other cohort members, periodic video calls, and reading various articles or watching films to reflect on with other cohort members. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, do you feel able to commit to these elements of the program? Please indicate any concerns below.