



## CIRC Membership Form

### **CIRC Mission:**

*The Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC) is a statewide membership-based coalition of immigrant, faith, labor, youth, community and ally organizations founded in 2002 to build a unified statewide voice to defend and advance justice for all immigrants and refugees in Colorado and the U.S. CIRC achieves this mission through capacity building for member organizations, civic engagement, defending against raids and repression, and winning public policies to improve the lives of immigrants.*

**CIRC Vision:** CIRC believes in the inherent dignity and human rights of every person, regardless of immigration status. CIRC envisions a society in which all women, men and children are treated with dignity and respect and have equal access to fair and just work, housing, health care, and education and the opportunity to live united with family members.

### **CIRC Founding Principles and Guidelines:**

- To be led by organizations working to defend and advance immigrant justice.
- Encourage the participation of all immigrants and their supporters.
- Set aside personal or organizational agendas in order to advance justice for immigrants.
- Advance and defend justice for all immigrants regardless of immigration status.

### **CIRC Goals:**

- Advocate for the rights of all immigrants and refugees and their families.
- Empower the immigrant community by supporting the formation of grassroots organizations.
- Promote leadership development within all immigrant communities.
- Increase public awareness about the social/economic contributions of immigrants.
- Educate the general community on the issues and realities of immigration.
- Strengthen collaboration among the diverse immigrant organizations and with groups that are discriminated against and marginalized in the broader community.
- Expand collaboration and coordination among immigrant organizations and allies.

### **Benefits for CIRC Member Organizations:**

- **Attendance at CIRC's Annual Assembly** where members from across the state gather to assess achievements, elect the leadership, and determine policy priorities/strategies for the coming year.
- **Voting privileges** on priority issues and election of the CIRC Steering Committee.
- **Access to member trainings** in areas such as advocacy, community organizing, fundraising, communications, leadership development; Access to CIRC's resources to support your work.
- **Technical assistance and access to multi-media tools** such as event sound equipment, translation equipment, LCD projector, digital camera/video (dependent on availability and need).
- **Access to Committees** fighting to pass humane policies, end raids and build the statewide base.
- **Subscription** to the CIRC listserv and access to website Member-only Center - providing current information on the latest immigration news, advocacy activities and action alerts.
- **Opportunity to network/collaborate** with local, state, and national partners to advance justice.

### **Commitment of CIRC Member Organizations**

- Members support and promote CIRC's mission and vision.
- Members participate in the annual CIRC Assembly, regional member meetings and committees.
- Members support and promote CIRC's campaigns, utilizing their organizations' strengths, resources and abilities.

**TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP**

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP:** CIRC membership is open to organizations. Organizations eligible to apply for membership are defined as a group or entity that is accountable to a membership of more than two people or a Board of Directors or a governing body.

**Individuals not affiliated with a member or eligible organization are invited and encouraged to participate in CIRC through:**

- Signing up for CIRC E-Alerts and Communications and participating in CIRC campaigns
- Joining an existing CIRC member organization in your local community or region.
- Creating a new group/organization that could become a member of CIRC.
- Serving as an intern or volunteer with CIRC or a CIRC member organization.

**Terms and Process for Membership**

In order to become a CIRC Member, organizations must:

- **Agree with CIRC's Mission and Goals.**
- **Agree with CIRC's founding principles and guidelines:**
- **Fill out, sign and submit this application form.**
- **Receive a CIRC representative for a brief interview/site visit**
- **Dues:** there are currently no dues to join CIRC.

**ORGANIZATION** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON REPRESENTING ORGANIZATION:**

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**MAILING ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAX NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION WEBSITE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you want to be signed up for the CIRC Email Listserve? Yes** \_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_ **Already on** \_\_\_

**ON BEHALF OF** \_\_\_\_\_ **(ORG. NAME)**, I HEREBY APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE COLORADO IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COALITION (CIRC), I HAVE READ AND AGREE WITH CIRC's MISSION, GOALS, PRINCIPLES AND UNDERSTAND THE MEMBERSHIP TERMS.

\_\_\_\_\_ **SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

\*IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN YOUR ORG. TO RECEIVE CIRC MAILINGS AND BE ADDED TO THE CIRC DATABASE, PLEASE INCLUDE NAMES, TITLES, and EMAILS BELOW.

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