



Colorado Water Ambassador Program

Application Instructions

General Information

The Ditch and Reservoir Company Alliance is excited to announce the Colorado Water Ambassador Program! The extensive work of our DARCA summer program was only the beginning of the educational outreach we are working on here at DARCA. We have heard from countless of our members about the heightened need for employees or interest in the work our members and sponsors are a part of. There is a major gap in the institutional water knowledge that our ditch, reservoir, lateral, and irrigation districts need to transfer to the next generation. That is where the Colorado Water Ambassadors project comes into place.

Objectives

1. To build awareness of water topics
2. To engage the public and water community
3. To increase capacity and infrastructure for information exchange
4. To provide additional resources to the ditch and reservoir community
5. To provide an educational program for students and beginning industry individuals

Benefits of Being a Colorado Water Ambassador

- Serving in a statewide leadership position centered on advocacy
- Build a network of water leaders and ambassadors who are also interested in expanding their water knowledge
- Gain water expertise to bring back to your organization and carry with you in your professional journey
- Build insight around the heavily diluted water laws and policies
- Expand your qualifications by learning the associated skillset with advocating

Selection Criteria

We are looking for individuals who are wanting to gain insight into the water industry. This could be a student or someone who is beginning in the water industry. We are searching for ambassadors who demonstrate an interest in advanced water knowledge; commitment to delivering in the program by committing to complete the monthly curriculum, attending three in-person events, and showing a deep curiosity and ability to learn more; the desire to work on a team, and network with individuals.

Important Dates and Time Commitment

- **Events:**
 - December DARCA Board Meeting: This will be a chance for ambassadors to meet the DARCA Board of Directors, meet fellow ambassadors, and kick-start the program.
 - DARCA Annual Conference: Ambassadors will take their acquired water knowledge and apply it during the Annual Conference where all DARCA Stakeholders will be present. This will be an incredible chance to learn about the real-life applications of the water industry, hear about current water happenings across the state, meet the key water leaders behind the monumental projects, learn about the different stakeholders involved, help manage the conference itself, practice speaking skills, network with the water community, and see what it takes to host events like this.
 - Water Ambassadors Day at the Capitol: This day will tie together all of the work laid out throughout the policy month of the program and give ambassadors a chance to see the policy in action.
 - May Wrap-Up Meeting: To celebrate work well done, we will be hosting a wrap-up meeting for the Ambassador Group.
- **Monthly Curriculum:** Each month there will be work sent out to complete throughout the month. The expectation is to spend about 10 hours a month on the curriculum but the key is that you get out what you put into the program. Each month will be a little bit different depending on the events that month. The curriculum will not only teach ambassadors about the water industry but give them tangible tasks alongside their learning to build up their skills.
- **Advocacy Project:** Towards the end of the program there will be an advocacy project where ambassadors are asked to apply all the work that they do throughout the program to a project they have identified and scoped out.

Application Process

Applications close on November 1st at 11:59 PM. The application consists of a short answer and a 2-minute video response. Start your application early to ensure everything gets completed.

Ambassadors can also be nominated and will receive an email with the application- potential ambassadors who are nominated must still complete an application. If there are any technical difficulties please reach out to the DARCA Staff who's contact information is listed below.

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If you or anyone you know is looking to explore or further their career in the water this is the program for them. This program's application opens October 1st- <https://forms.gle/97ViiioP2NZgiydU7>. To learn more about the program and check out www.darca.org.