## Key Project Timeline & Milestones

| Date / Phase | Milestone & Description |
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| **August 2026** | Official Applications Open |
| **January 2027** | Webinar Option #1: 1/12/24 at 9:30 am (cst)<br>Webinar Option #2: 1/14/24 at 6:00 pm (cst)<br>**January 31, 2027:** Application Submission Deadline |
| **February 2027** | Application Review |
| **March 2027** | March 1, 2027:<br>• Applicants Notified & MOUs shared |
| **June 2027** | **June 3-4, 2027**<br>Required Orientation & Opening Retreat |
| **June - October 2027** | Optional Peer Story Circles *(limit 12 per circle)*<br>Optional Writing Workshop Series<br>• Exploring Fears and Desires<br>• Beliefs and Everyday Magic<br>• Aesthetic Force<br>• Exploring Love and Hate<br>• The Unexpected<br>• Facts and Connective Truths |
| **November 2027** | **November 3, 2027:** Story Draft #1 Due & editing begins<br>**November date TBD, 2027**<br>Required Closing & Fall Retreat |
| **January 2028** | **January 28, 2028:** Story Draft #3 Due |
| **Spring 2028** | Story Compiling & Curation |
| **Summer 2028** | Publication Details (formatting, printing,etc) |
| **Fall 2028** | Official Book Launch & Community Distribution |