



Massachusetts Promise Fellowship

YOUTH ON BOARD STUDENT ENGAGEMENT FELLOW

Massachusetts Promise Fellows deliver the resources that young people need to be successful in life by **mobilizing** and **organizing** community activity, **creating** and **leading** powerful initiatives, and **training** and **inspiring** citizen volunteers.

The Massachusetts Promise Fellowship achieves this by placing Fellows with non-profit organizations and state/local government agencies that focus on fulfilling the needs of our youth by providing; *a caring adult, a safe place, a healthy start, a marketable skill, and an opportunity to give back.*

SERVICE DESCRIPTION

Youth on Board's (YOB) overarching goal is to create schools in which youth are empowered to advocate on their own behalf and youth engagement is interwoven into the structure of schools, thus encouraging a cultural shift that creates respectful and mutually supportive learning communities. YOB works closely with the Boston Public Schools (BPS) in ensuring that high school students are integrally involved in the decisions that affect them the most. The Fellow will work closely with two key Boston Public School (BPS) student engagement groups, the Boston Student Advisory Committee (BSAC) and the Student Engagement Action Collaborative (SEAC) to advance student engagement and promote student voice at the district and the local level. The Fellow will work closely with BSAC to shift school/peer culture by ensuring youth voice continues to be at the center of policy changes. The two major goals of the Fellow will be to provide academic support to BSAC members and project development support as they continue their focus on promoting student engagement/voice in the district. This will require identifying, designing, and implementing trainings. This combination of skill-building and leadership development links directly to academic achievement.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- Convene and facilitate BSAC meetings and provide the necessary support for students to carry out their policy/campaign/project
- Identify the BSAC representatives in each school that is not currently represented
- Organize 2-3 leadership trainings for students
- Assess the needs of each student through regular meetings and the development of an academic tracking tool
- Provide skill-building and leadership training to support student' academics as well as policy work
- Communicate with school teachers, guidance and/or student support as needed
- Track seniors and provide college readiness support
- Travel at least once/month for Fellowship meetings, retreats, and training

QUALIFICATIONS

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- Excellent organizational and communication skills
- The ability to work independently
- An interest in and commitment to national and community service
- Experience working with youth
- The desire to work with diverse constituencies
- Flexibility and a sense of humor
- Ability to see the big picture
- Strong analytical and problem solving skills
- Professional and mature
- Must be a US Resident, US National or Permanent Resident Alien

BENEFITS

For a one year full-time commitment and 1700 hours of AmeriCorps service Fellows receive:

A taxable living allowance of \$269/week ♦ Comprehensive health care benefits ♦

Excellent training opportunities ♦ FREE courses at Northeastern University in the College of Professional Studies ♦

Loan forbearance and a \$5,550 educational award

CONTACT INFORMATION

Apply ASAP! Applicants are hired on a rolling basis. Send a letter of interest, resume and contact info for three references **ASAP and before May 27th, 2011** preferably electronically to:

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MORE INFO

- Interviews will take place during April and May of 2011
- Hiring decisions will be made on or before June 17th, 2011
- Program start date is August 2011
- **Visit www.masspromisefellows.org for detailed program information**

The Massachusetts Promise Fellowship is committed to providing equal opportunities. We serve and partner with diverse organizations, and are dedicated to non-discrimination. It is our policy to ensure that all individuals with whom we are in contact are treated without regard to age, color, disability, gender, marital status, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or expression, or veteran status. We require that all our partners make reasonable accommodations for any and all individuals with a permanent or temporary disability. We actively partner with organizations representing minority concerns and interests to build high-performing teams that mirror the communities we serve.

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