



La Vida Scholars AmeriCorps Massachusetts Promise Fellow

AmeriCorps Massachusetts Promise Fellows deliver the resources young people need to be successful in life by creating, managing, and leading meaningful out-of-school time programs for youth in grades 6-12. Fellow projects focus on college and career exploration and academic enrichment.

The Massachusetts Promise Fellowship achieves this by placing AmeriCorps Fellows with schools, 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 Massachusetts Promise Fellows will be responsible for collaborating with our three full time staff in supporting, guiding, and advising over 140 of our Scholars in 10th, 11th, 12th grade in Lynn, MA. And new in 2022, 20 11th & 12th graders in Chelsea, MA! In addition to that, Fellows will engage with and support over 140 family members, as well as our over 300 alumni! Fellows will primarily guide seniors through the college application process. Additionally, Fellows support the college exploration journey such as planning for college tours, developing and facilitating weekly workshops, and participating in our monthly family workshops. Other responsibilities will include supporting students with academic check-in's, tracking students community service requirements, organizing monthly Fun Fridays, and organizing other annual trips & events.

Essential Responsibilities

- Work one-on-one with 10-12 seniors, supporting and advising them with college applications, their college list, the financial aid process, and scholarships
- Provide advisement in selection and admissions process for post-secondary opportunities, specifically at competitive four-year public and private universities
- Support in preparation and facilitation of weekly workshops for 10th-12th graders
- Advise juniors with applications for summer opportunities and scholarships
- Support in coordination of college trips and on-site/remote info sessions
- Coordinate community service requirements for students, tracking hours and communicating with host sites
- Organize monthly weekly Social Justice & Heritage appreciation lessons
- Support Social Media design and engagement (optional, for interested Fellow)
- Meet weekly with Program Staff for general check-in & supervision
- Meet with Curriculum Coach for lesson planning & support with facilitation
- Complete 2-week Onboarding and College Access trainings
- Complete required MPF data and evaluation requirements
- Travel at least once/month for Fellowship meetings, retreats, and training throughout the Commonwealth
- Make a full-time, 10.5 month commitment

Qualifications

- Desire to build deep relationships with young people & their families with a commitment to working across differences
- Ability to work independently and take initiative
- Excellent organizational and communication skills
- Deep belief in the power and potential of young people to create social change
- Experience working with youth
- Passionate about social justice and working with diverse communities
- Spanish fluency is a plus
- Must be a US Citizen, US National or Permanent Resident Alien
- Must be willing to undergo a National Service Criminal History Check, including screenings through the National Sex Offender Public Website, a name-based search of the statewide criminal history registry both in Massachusetts and your state of residence upon application to our program (if not Massachusetts), and a fingerprint based FBI check.
*Eligibility to participate in MPF is contingent on the results of this screening

Fellow Schedule: Monday through Thursday: 10:00AM to 6:30PM | Fridays: 10:00AM to 5:00PM
Encouragement to attend external activities, community events, & relevant professional development

Service Location: 120 Munroe St, Lynn, MA 01901

Supervisor Name: Jesenia Gervacio (jgervacio@lavidascholars.org) & Angelica Martinez (amartinez@lavidascholars.org)

Benefits

For an 10.5 month, full-time commitment and 1,700 hours of AmeriCorps service Fellows receive:

A taxable living allowance of up to \$20,000/year ♦ Excellent training opportunities ♦ FREE courses at Northeastern University in the College of Professional Studies & discounted courses upon successfully completing the service year ♦ Loan forbearance and an up to \$6,495 educational award ♦ Travel reimbursement 15+ miles for Fellow monthly meetings ♦ Career coaching and support ♦ Healthcare benefits

In addition, La Vida offers benefits to all employees that include:

- a paid mobile plan and phone if needed (with option to port over your own number)
- flexible remote-work schedule
- staff meals for late-night work events
- a one-time stipend for work-from-home supplies

Contact Information

Apply ASAP! Applicants are hired on a rolling basis.

Visit [here](#) to complete a general application **and upload your letter of interest, resume and contact info for three references ASAP and before July 15, 2022.**

More Info

Interviews will take place during April-June 2022 and reasonable accommodations will be made available for interviews upon request.

Selection decisions will be made on or before July 28th, 2022 to guarantee an on time program start. **All position offers will be provisional until 2022-2023 federal funding has been confirmed.**

Program start date is August 15th, 2022

More information about La Vida Scholars and the youth program can be found at lavidascholars.org

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 equally 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 interviews and service 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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