

# SquashBusters - 7th Graders 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 and 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:**

The SquashBusters Massachusetts Promise Fellows will work alongside other staff to help support the incoming 7th grade The Fellow is responsible for supporting the academic and personal development of approximately 25-35 middle and high school students on the SquashBusters Boston team. The Fellow will provide holistic support to students and help them stay on track to achieve their post-secondary goals by building strong relationships with them, their families, and school partners. The primary role of the Fellow is academic support, curriculum development/activity facilitation, and classroom management.

#### **Essential Responsibilities:**

- Organize and oversee daily homework help classrooms in support of SqB student school work
- Closely monitor students' progress in school and communicate regularly with school staff
- Collaborate with colleagues in assembling, implementing and evaluating academic enrichment curriculum
- Help students connect to other opportunities as appropriate (summer opportunities, SAT prep, etc.)
- Collaborate and communicate with SquashBusters staff, families, and community partners
- Participate in community service projects and field trips as needed
- Assist in supporting academic volunteers with potential for involvement in recruitment/orientation
- Effectively and consistently communicate with parents.
- Complete program evaluation requirements including but not limited to preparing monthly reports, a
  youth attendance tracker, and time sheets
- Travel at least once/month for Fellowship meetings, retreats, and training throughout the Commonwealth

#### **Qualifications:**

- Comfort tutoring and supporting students' academic development
- Strong group facilitation skills
- Reliable, responsible, engaged, self-reflective, and open to receiving and giving feedback
- Ability to relate effectively to diverse groups of people from a variety of backgrounds
- Thrives in a collaborative and fast-paced environment
- Valid driver's license is ideal
- Bachelor's degree, or Associate's degree with relevant experience
- 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 language proficiency is a big 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-Thursday 10am-7pm, Friday 10am-6pm
- Occasional Saturday commitments. If Fellow works Saturday they are awarded a "comp day" off, generally the Friday before

## **Fellow Service Locations:**

• 795 Columbus Ave. Roxbury Crossing, MA 02120

**Supervisor Name:** Mikhail Darlington **Supervisor Email:** <u>m.darlington@squashbusters.org</u>

#### **Benefits**

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

A taxable living allowance of up to \$15,500/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 \$6,195 educational award ◆ Monthly travel allowance ◆ Career coaching and support ◆ Healthcare benefits

#### **Contact Information**

Apply ASAP! Applicants are hired on a rolling basis.

Visit mpfapplication 2020 to complete a general application ASAP before June 1st, 2020

#### More Info:

- > Selection decisions will be made on or before July 1st, 2020. <u>All position offers will be provisional until</u> 2020-2021 federal funding has been confirmed.
- Program start date is August 4th, 2020
- More information about SquashBusters and the youth program can be found at https://squashbusters.org/
- > Visit www.masspromisefellows.org for detailed program information

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