



Stoughton Youth Commission 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 mentoring, social and emotional learning, college and career readiness, academic enrichment, and community service-learning.

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

STOUGHTON-The Stoughton Youth Commission (SYC) is seeking to host a MPF to increase academic engagement in local youth by working with Stoughton High students for a minimum of 200 hours in the out-of-school Stoughton Leadership Institute with experiential learning components. The goals of the project are: (1) to support a diverse group of students to achieve their personal academic and career goals, including college preparation; (2) to provide opportunities for high school students to develop leadership skills to enhance social and emotional growth for success post high school; and (3) to develop a cohort of 20-30 youth with strong civic skills to serve as active leaders in the community.

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Essential Responsibilities

- Update and implement an 8-month, culturally competent curricula with weekly lessons focused on leadership skills, college and career readiness and service learning components (Stoughton Leadership Institute – SLI)
- Mentor high school students through weekly drop in hours and small group workshops focused on supporting youth goals related to academic success, college and career paths and leadership development with a focus on juniors and seniors involved in the college application process
- Engage returning SLI members as leaders, including mentoring new members, developing lesson plans, co-facilitating workshops and developing student led community service projects
- Identify and recruit new SLI participants who reflect the economic and cultural diversity within Stoughton
- Coordinate local experts to augment lesson plans and support community service learning opportunities
- Identify and develop service learning opportunities throughout the community, including mentoring middle school students and 2 student led initiatives
- Travel at least once/month for Fellowship meetings, retreats, and training throughout the Commonwealth
- Make a full-time, 11 month commitment

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Qualifications

- Strong critical thinking and problem solving skills
- Ability to prioritize tasks and maintain progress on short and long term goals
- 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
- 17 years of age or older
- Driver's license and reliable transportation needed
- BA/BS required
- 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-Friday, 9am-5pm (Flexible with some evenings and weekends)

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 \$5,920 educational award ♦ Monthly travel allowance ♦ Career coaching and support ♦ Healthcare benefits

How to Apply

Apply ASAP! Applicants are hired on a rolling basis.

Applicants must apply through our [General Application](#) and select the host site(s) of which they are interested in applying. Host sites will reach out to schedule a first round interview. If you have additional questions or would like to contact a host site, please see the e-mail contact listed above. Positions will continue to accept applications until they are listed as filled.

More Info

- Interviews will take place during May, 2018 and reasonable accommodations will be made available for interviews upon request.
- Selection decisions will be made on or before June 1st, 2018. **All position offers will be provisional until 2018-2019 federal funding has been confirmed.**
- Program start date is August 7th, 2018
- More information about Stoughton Youth Commission and the youth program can be found at <https://www.stoughton.org/stoughton-youth-commission>
- **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

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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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