



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 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

Stoughton-The SYC is seeking to host a MPF to increase academic engagement in local youth by working with High School and Middle School students for a minimum of 200 hours through 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; (3) to develop a cohort of 20-30 youth with strong civic skills to serve as active leaders in the community; (4) to coach high school students to mentor a group of 15-20 8th grade students that have been identified by the guidance department as "high need".

Essential Responsibilities

- Update and implement an 8-month, culturally competent curricula for high school students with lessons focused on leadership skills, college and career readiness and service learning components (Stoughton Leadership Institute – SLI)
- Provide weekly drop in hours and small group workshops for Middle and High School students focused on supporting youth goals related to academic success, college and career paths and leadership development
- Coordinate group mentoring sessions (3x/month) for high school mentors and 8th grade mentees with a focus on college and career exploration, goal setting and leadership
- Recruit SLI participants who reflect the economic and cultural diversity within Stoughton
- Identify and develop service learning opportunities throughout the community
- 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, 11 month commitment

Qualifications

- Strong critical thinking and problem solving skills
- Ability to prioritize tasks and maintain progress on short and long term goals
- Driver's license and reliable transportation needed
- BA/BS required
- Ability to work independently and take initiative
- Excellent organizational and communication skills

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- 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
 - 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)

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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 \$6,095 educational award ♦ Monthly travel allowance ♦ Career coaching and support ♦ Healthcare benefits

Contact Information

Apply ASAP! Applicants are hired on a rolling basis.

Visit masspromisefellowapplication2019 to complete a general application **and upload your letter of interest, resume and contact info for two references ASAP and before May 1st, 2019.**

More Info

- Interviews will take place during April and May, 2019 and reasonable accommodations will be made available for interviews upon request.
- Selection decisions will be made on or before July 1st, 2019. **All position offers will be provisional until 2019-2020 federal funding has been confirmed.**
- Program start date is August 5th, 2019
- More information about the 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 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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