



## Town of Stoughton Youth Programs AmeriCorps Massachusetts Promise Fellow

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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.*

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### Service Description:

The Town of Stoughton is seeking a Massachusetts Promise Fellow to increase academic engagement of 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. The goals of the project are: (1) to support a diverse group of high school and middle school 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 15-20 high school students 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 "high- need" 7th and 8th grade students.

### 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)
- Develop and implement curriculum for 7th and 8th grade students with lessons focused on goal setting, academic organization, leadership skills, college and career readiness
- Hold office hours for middle and high school students focused on supporting youth goals
- Coordinate group mentoring sessions for high school mentors and 7th 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 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:

- 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 organization and communication skills
- 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
- Driver's license and reliable transportation needed
- BA/BS preferred

### Massachusetts Promise Fellowship

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- 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:

- Flexible schedule: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm with some evenings and weekends

### Fellow Service Location:

- Based out of Stoughton Prevention Office, 110 Rockland St. Stoughton

**Supervisor Name:** Stephanie Patton

**Supervisor Email:** [spatton@stoughton-ma.gov](mailto:spatton@stoughton-ma.gov)

### 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 [mpfapplication2020](#) to complete a general application **ASAP before June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

### More Info:

- Selection decisions will be made on or before July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. **All position offers will be provisional until 2020-2021 federal funding has been confirmed.**
- Program start date is August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- More information about the Town of Stoughton and the youth program can be found at <https://www.stoughton.org/stoughton-youth-commission>
- Visit [www.masspromisefellows.org](http://www.masspromisefellows.org) for detailed program information

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