



Call for Promise Fellows!!!

The Minnesota Alliance With Youth (MAWY) and the Wilder Center for Communities Promise Fellow Partnership is currently seeking qualified candidates for several positions as an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow. Openings are available in five separate programs each with a programmatic emphasis in one or all of the MAWY five fundamental resources (also known as the “Five Promises”): *Caring Adults; Safe Places; A Healthy Start; Effective Education; and Opportunities To Help Others.*

Educational Advocate – Supportive Housing and Employment Services

Focus: Educational Support, Leadership Development, Community Service & Engagement

Educational Advocates work as team to support students and families who are a part of Wilder’s supportive housing, scattered site programs in an effort to enhance the school success and civic engagement of students and parents. This includes:

- Serving as an advocate for youth and families with their school and school district;
- Continue building a core of volunteer mentors to partner with youth;
- Monitoring youth progress towards academic goals
- Enhance structures for fundraising, evaluating, and tracking volunteer involvement;
- Creating communication tools for parents to better support their children’s education.

This position works closely with the full spectrum of adults working to support youth and families involved in supportive housing including social workers, teachers, landlords, and social organizations that support families.

Jackson Street Village- Supportive Housing and Employment Services

Focus: Educational Support and Community Service & Engagement

Jackson Street Village is a Section 8 HUD subsidized housing community of 24 two-, three- and four-bedroom town homes located at Jackson and Arlington Streets in Saint Paul’s North End neighborhood. Jackson Street Village provides permanent housing and supportive services to previously homeless or precariously housed families residing in Ramsey County who are also facing multiple health issues. By providing intensive, on-site, supportive services, we help to stabilize and strengthen families by:

- Stabilizing income through employment
- Encouraging school success
- Creating a supportive community for families
- Helping families address chemical abuse and mental health issues

This unique community presents an opportunity for working in a collaborative environment and addressing issues that effect youth and family achievement and growth.

St. Paul Public Housing

Focus: Community Service & Engagement, Educational Support, Leadership Development & Cultural Awareness

Work in partnership with schools, St. Paul police department, resident organizations and community-based social service organizations to foster school success, leadership, civic engagement and career goals of children and youth living in Saint Paul Public Housing with a major emphasis on helping to close the educational achievement gap for low income students.

- Provide After School and Summer Youth programming at Public Housing Community Center Sites.
- Establish and manage volunteer system.
- Maintain and enhance partnerships that support youth programming.
- Develop structures to evaluate, sustain and enhance further programming.

Working at a Public Housing site offers the opportunity to establish relationships with youth that are essentially to addressing all of the challenges which youth experience in striving to achieve. It mixes an independent environment with a team based philosophy of developing curriculum and programs to best serve youth at individual sites.

Achievement Plus Promise Fellow – Achievement +

Focus: Enhance the school success of children in diverse, urban elementary schools.

Dayton's Bluff Achievement Plus Elementary School and John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary School are located on the East Side of St. Paul. Both schools are located in very diverse and high poverty neighborhoods. The Achievement Plus Initiative brings a unique set of programs and services to these schools. Using a community school model, Achievement Plus focuses on these three components; an excellent academic program, a comprehensive Extended Learning program, and Learning Supports that provide on-site services to students and families. The major areas of responsibilities of the AmeriCorps Promise Fellow at these sites are:

- Recruit, train, and manage volunteers working as tutors.
- Lead and develop service learning projects with students.
- Assist with developing after-school programming and lead after-school activities.
- Work individually or in classroom setting with students to increase academic achievement.

PROMISE FELLOW BENEFITS:

As a full time AmeriCorps member, Promise Fellows serve a minimum of 1700 hours from August 15, 2009 to August 14, 2010 and receive: Modest Living Allowance (appx. \$950/month, pre-tax); basic Health Insurance; Qualified Student Loan Deferment; \$4,725.00 Education Award upon successful completion of service; Ongoing, extensive support and training.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Must be 18 years old
- U.S. citizen or U.S. National or have status as a Lawful Permanent Resident Alien
- Interest in youth service, education and non-profit work
- Able to serve in a full time position
- Please note that candidates will be required to successfully pass a background check before being enrolled.

SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- Prefer Associate or Bachelor of Arts degree in community youth development, education, social work, or related field.
- Volunteer experience and desire to develop a strong ethic of service.
- Strong written and oral communication skills.
- Ability to work independently and take initiative.
- Self-motivated and organized.
- Experience working with youth.
- Prefer experience with diverse and low-income populations.
- Able to present oneself in a professional manner and be an ambassador for the program.

If you are interested in one or more of these positions please contact Damon Shoholm (dds3@wilder.org , 651-280-2496) via email or phone for further information and details of the application process.

We are committed to recruiting and engaging individuals without regard to disability, gender, race religion, or sexual orientation.