

AmeriCorps: Community Fellows ~ Student Application

Applications are due by: Tuesday, April 19th, 2011 by 4:30 PM

Name _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

I am interested in serving as 1) America Reads Coordinator – Literacy & Learning
(Please circle one) 2) College Access Coordinator – Access & Options

Program Description:

Community Fellows is an AmeriCorps Education Award Only program (Ed Award). This means that participating students enroll as AmeriCorps members on a part-time basis and receive a partial Education Award at the end of their term. Students who apply and are accepted to the Muhlenberg program will enroll as "minimum-time" members making a commitment to complete 300 hours of service in one calendar year (August-August). Students who complete this term of service can earn an \$1,100 education award*. Currently, students may earn up to two AmeriCorps Education Awards. The award can be used to pay for any legitimate educational expense at your current undergraduate institution or to pay for future educational expenses, as well as to re-pay student loans.

Two Community Fellow positions are currently open for enrollment

1) America Reads Coordinator – Literacy & Learning

The Community Fellow serving as the America Reads Coordinator will organize a new initiative coordinating volunteers as in-school/during-school tutors and assistants to work one-on-one or in small groups with students at Roosevelt Elementary. Volunteers will provide academic support during class-time. Volunteers will focus on literacy improvement and exposure to future education and career options through both intentional and impromptu conversation. The Coordinator will also oversee elementary school visits to Muhlenberg College in collaboration with the Office of Community Engagement.

2) College Access Coordinator – Access & Options

The College Access Coordinator will coordinate the burgeoning high school college access initiatives partnering Muhlenberg College primarily with William Allen High School. These initiatives include recruitment of volunteers to work weekly with ASPIRES, an after school program focused on leadership formation and post secondary preparation, establishing an intentional access curriculum for a local Youth Council which meets at Muhlenberg College and involvement in continued discussions between admissions, the Office of Community Engagement and select city-wide youth initiatives in Allentown, PA (including Youth Councils and Allentown School District)

Community Fellows will also participate in bi-weekly group discussions (along with AmeriCorps Scholars in Service to PA) and training sessions focused on the impacts of volunteerism and social justice issues more broadly. All training hours are reported as part of the 300 hour goal.

For further information please contact Eveily Freeman, efreeman@muhlenberg.edu, in the Office of Community Engagement, lower level of Seegers Union, x3369.

****Program implementation is contingent on approval of federal budget.***

Please answer the following questions as completely as possible. Please remember to include the above cover sheet when turning in your application.

- 1) **What volunteer work have you participated in as a college student?**
- 2) **Why do you do the work you do and why would you like to do this particular position?**
What has led you to volunteer with a particular organization, population and/or community?
- 3) **What has been the most meaningful volunteer experience you have had? Why?**
- 4) **Why would you like to participate in AmeriCorps program at this juncture in your college career?**
- 5) **What ideas do you have in regards to the position for which you are applying?**
- 6) **What strategies would you use to recruit students to volunteer at your site or with your project?**



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Email or drop off your completed application to
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