



COVERDELL
FELLOWS



**The Coverdell Peace Corps Fellows/USA Program at
the University of Missouri-Kansas City
Henry W. Bloch School of Management
Department of Public Affairs**

The Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program is a two-year graduate fellowship program that offers financial assistance to returned Peace Corps Volunteers. Since the inception of the Coverdell Fellows Program, nearly 4,000 returned Volunteers have participated in the program.

Fellowship Financial Benefits (for two years)

- Fellows will receive six credit hours of tuition remission per regular semester (fall and spring)
- \$1,000 for educational supplies, textbooks
- The fellowship stipend is \$9,000* per student per year distributed as follows:
\$3,000 Fall semester: \$12 per hour for 20 hours per week for 15 weeks
\$3,000 Spring semester: \$12 per hour for 20 hours per week for 15 weeks
\$3,000 Summer semester: *\$12 per hour for 30 hours per week for 10 weeks, when funds are available

Fellowship Academic and Professional Benefits

- Further education and professional careers by obtaining a Master Degree in Public Administration
- Establish connections with community leaders and organizations
- Gain strong knowledge and skills about local community building through urban development, nonprofit administration, and health administration
- Learn advanced best practice models and applications
- Access to earn certification in community economic development and fund raising
- Access professional development programs (i.e. trainings, academic conferences, luncheons)

UMKC's Peace Corps Fellows Academic Program

- Master of Public Administration (General or Emphasis in Urban Administration, Nonprofit Management, or Health Services Administration)

Partner Agencies in Kansas City

- Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership
- Literacy Kansas City
- Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance
- American Public Square
- El Centro, Inc.
- Don Bosco Center
- Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership
- Sam Rogers Health Clinic
- Kansas City Free Health Clinic

University Support for Peace Corps Fellows

Fellows will be monitored and supported by a program administrator, their academic advisor, and agency supervisors. Some of the support will include:

- Academic advising
- Professional development and networking opportunities
- Mentorship with a professional in your field of study
- Career center services

Application and Selection Process

University Application

- UMKC Application for Admission (www.umkc.edu/apply)
- Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
- An official General Record Exam (GRE) score

Fellow Application

- Applicants must demonstrate a record of academic achievement, community involvement, and professional excellence
- Completed Peace Corps Description of Service (DOS)
- Completed application form (attached)
- A personal statement and essay regarding your involvement and interests in community building
- 3 Letters of Reference

Due Dates

- Applications are received should be submitted by early summer for a fall semester start.
- A selection committee of the Department of Public Affairs will review and judge applications. Award winners will be announced before the beginning of the semester to which the student is applying.

I certify that the foregoing statements and all other information submitted by me in connection with this application are true and correct. I understand that the falsification or deliberate omission of information is grounds for rejection of the application.

Date Signed

Applicant's Signature

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NOTE: Admission to the Bloch School is required before your application is valid for this fellowship.



Peace Corps

Letter of Recommendation
UMKC Peace Corps Fellows/USA Program
Henry W. Bloch School of Management

Applicant's Name _____ SS# _____

To the applicant: This form should be given to people who are able to comment on your qualifications for the fellowship. You should use a mix of both academic and professional references for your recommendations. For the convenience of the persons making the recommendation, you should include a stamped envelope addressed to Dept. of Public Affairs: University of Missouri-Kansas City, Bloch School of Management, 305 Bloch, 5110 Cherry Street, Kansas City, MO 64110-2499.

Under the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, students are entitled to review their records, including letters of recommendation. However, those writing recommendations and those assessing recommendations may attach more significance to them if it is known that the recommendations will remain confidential. It is your option to waive your right to access to these recommendations. Please mark the appropriate phrase below, indicating your choice of option, and sign your name.

_____ I waive my right to review of this recommendation.

_____ I do not waive my right to review of this recommendation.

Date _____ Applicant's Signature _____

RECOMMENDATION

Name of reference (print) _____ Title _____

Institution or affiliation _____

1. I have known the applicant for _____ years and _____ months.

2. I know the applicant: _____ Slightly _____ Fairly Well _____ Very Well.

3. I have known the applicant in the following capacity:

_____ Undergraduate Student _____ Graduate Student _____ Advisee

_____ Teaching/Research Assistant _____ Employee _____ Other (specify)

4. Please rate the applicant on the following characteristics listed from low (1) to superior (5).

Oral Communication Skills _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ N/A

Written Communication Skills _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ N/A

Leadership Ability _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ N/A

Initiative _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ N/A

Academic Ability _____1 _____2 _____3 _____4 _____5 _____ N/A

Application of Gen. Knowledge _____1 _____2 _____3 _____4 _____5 _____ N/A

5. Indicate the strength of your overall endorsement of the applicant.

_____ Recommend With Reservation _____ Recommend _____ Highly Recommend

6. Feel free to elaborate on the above information or include any information that you believe is pertinent to the selection of this applicant as a scholarship recipient.

Signature of reference _____

Thank you for completing this form. If no envelope has been attached, please send this recommendation to: University of Missouri-Kansas City, Bloch School of Management, 305 Bloch, 5110 Cherry Street, Kansas City, MO 64110-2499 or email to domkeb@umkc.edu.