



ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS FOUNDATION 2017 - Fellowship Application

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Introduction:

The ILBCF's council on Council on Urban Affairs will be hosting three fellows during the 2017 legislative session.

Our fellows will be tasked with; issue development, legislative drafting, creating facts sheets, serving as the ILBCF's policy expert, communications and attending several seminars to help them discover more aspects of state government. The fellowship program doesn't require students to be in Springfield, but they will be required to remotely work with the foundation to advance its policy agenda. Fellows will be provided with a \$2,500 stipend for their semester of work (January 15, 2017 – June, 2017) and also cover travel expenses to Springfield for meetings.

This application is for potential research fellows for the upcoming 2017 legislation session. Applicants should be enrolled at an accredited institution of higher learning, and have reached their junior year or above (to Ph.D). Students must have a 2.7 G.P.A. or above

All applicants must:

- Must Be Illinois Resident
 - Complete the ILBCF Fellowship Application
 - Submit scanned copy of official transcripts
 - Write a legislative proposal (2000 word limit) that would affect change for the Black Community. This legislative proposal should change Illinois statute not federal laws. Applicants legislative proposal should be centered around helping African – Americans in one of the following areas: healthcare, business, criminal justice, gun violence reduction, education or job creation. Fellows will be award based on the feasibility and impact of their legislative proposal.
- Submit high school transcript (if in college, current transcript)
- Submit two letters of recommendation from persons other than relatives
 - Submit a recent photograph of himself/herself
 - Provide proof of voter registration
 - Forward the application and all supporting materials to the ILBCF Fellowship Selection Committee by December 11th 2016 (No Exceptions)
 - Any supporting material not submitted along with application will result in applicant being disqualified.

Application Deadline: All applications for the scholarship must be postmarked by **December 11th 2016. Please take note that only applicants chosen to receive an award will be notified by letter.**

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Submit Applications to: Please scan and email all the above listed materials **in order** to ILBCF.Fellowship@gmail.com.

Please complete the following information.

PERSONAL DATA:

Full Name _____ Male ___ Female ___

Permanent Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ Emergency Number _____

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year) _____ Place of Birth _____ Age _____

Email Address _____

Please tell us how you learned about the ILBC Fellowship? _____

EDUCATION:

Name of College (Undergraduate) Address Current Status? _____

Name of College Professional/Law Address M.A./Ph.D/J.D.? _____

If in Professional/Law School, how far along are you? _____

List of academic and community achievements

3. List your area of study _____

4. Policy recommendation – Please provide a 1500 or less word essay describing a specific legislative proposal that would a change Illinois statue. On a separate sheet

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that all information in this application is true and accurate.

Applicant Name (print) Date

Applicant Signature Date