

DreamSF Fellowship

The DreamSF Fellowship is an opportunity for DACA-approved youth to serve San Francisco's immigrant communities while gaining valuable professional experience and training. DreamSF Fellows will commit to working 20 hours per week on a project-based fellowship with an immigrant-serving nonprofit or public organization. Additionally, Fellows will receive weekly leadership and skills training in technology, public policy, civic participation and nonprofit administration. Fellows receive a \$7,800 stipend for completing the fellowship, which will run from June 1-December 18, 2015.

Interested in becoming a DreamSF Fellow? [APPLY NOW](#)

Application Process:

The DreamSF Fellowship Application must be submitted online by **April 24**. The application requires the following components to be submitted online:

* Professional resume (include GPA, education level and any professional or community service experience)

* Responses to 3 essay questions (limit each response to 500 words maximum):

Essay Questions:

- Describe your background and experiences growing up. How has this influenced or shaped your current point of view?
- What are the three most critical issues today and why do you consider these so important? What do you think needs to happen to resolve these issues?
- How would the DreamSF Fellowship be helpful to your interests, field of study, and future plans? What do you hope to gain from this experience?

* Contact information for two references- professors, former employers or supervisors of extracurricular or service activities

Successful applicants will receive an offer to participate in the program by May 15.

Eligibility Requirements:

Please note that the DreamSF Fellowship will prioritize applications from San Francisco residents who have not yet completed a four-year college or university degree.

Ideal DreamSF Fellows should possess the following:

- High School Diploma or G.E.D.
- DACA Approval from USCIS or equivalent work authorization

- Strong communication skills
- Ability to interact and communicate effectively with English and non or limited-English speakers
- Ability to develop and retain knowledge of city policies, services and programs
- Ability to use basic technologies for communications and documentation
- Desire to serve the public and immigrant communities
- Flexibility, initiative, creativity and imagination

Desired Qualifications and Experience:

- Previous experience working in an urban setting with diverse and limited English proficient communities
- Knowledge of and comfort/familiarity with immigrant populations
- Previous volunteer experience or extra-curricular involvement with community-based organizations
- Bilingual skills strongly preferred- in particular Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin, Russian, Filipino/Tagalog and Vietnamese skills
- Leadership potential

Expectations:

Each DreamSF Fellow will be expected to:

- Successfully complete program orientation and placement sessions
- Serve 20 hours/week at a nonprofit or public organization in San Francisco from June 1 through December 18, 2015
- Attend weekly leadership development and skills training sessions
- Provide reliable, quality administrative and programmatic support to assigned host community based organizations and their projects dedicated to immigrant residents
- Learn and master information regarding city policies and programs that impact immigrants and monolingual residents
- Conduct targeted outreach and education to immigrant families and youth throughout the city
- Execute community service projects aimed at improving the lives of San Francisco's vulnerable populations
- Develop a personal "Impact Plan" for how they plan to continue their education and service after the conclusion of the Fellowship

Each DreamSF Fellow will receive:

- Valuable, **paid** professional work experience
- Professional skill development and leadership training
- Individual mentoring
- Opportunities to network with influential leaders in San Francisco's nonprofit and public service communities

Please contact Kraig Cook at kraig.cook@sfgov.org or 415.581.2352 with any questions or for further information.