

SCHOLARS IN SERVICE TO PENNSYLVANIA Job Description and Application

Complete the application below and return to Ellie Esmond in the Civic Engagement Office by Friday, September 16, 2005. Please attach a copy of your current weekly schedule, including evening hours.

Name: _____ Class: _____

Campus Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Box #: _____ Email: _____

** I have Federal Work-Study as part of my financial aid package: _____ Yes _____ No

** I am planning to go abroad next semester or academic year: _____ Yes _____ No

OVERVIEW:

Scholars in Service to Pennsylvania is a new initiative at Bryn Mawr that recognizes, trains, and supports students who are civically engaged. Ten selected students will pledge to complete 450 hours of service in one calendar year, and, in exchange for that commitment, will receive leadership and organizing training, support from the Civic Engagement Office staff and fellow Scholars, and participate in ongoing supervision and reflection activities.

The bulk of the service work will be completed in the form of internships—each Scholar will be expected to work in a community organization 8 – 10 hours per week and attend bi-weekly supervision/reflection sessions with the rest of the group. In addition, Scholars will collaborate on group service and activism projects and programming for the rest of campus.

Scholars in Service to Pennsylvania is an AmeriCorps Education Award Only program. Participating students will enroll as AmeriCorps members on a part-time basis. Students who enroll in this program in Fall of 2004 and successfully complete the 450 hours of service, will receive an AmeriCorps Ed-Only Award of \$1250.00. Students who have Federal Work-Study as part of their financial aid package will also be eligible to receive hourly wages for the 8 – 10 hours of work at their internship.

QUALIFICATIONS:

An applicant to the Service Scholars program must:

- Be an undergraduate Bryn Mawr College student of sophomore or junior status
- Be a citizen of the United States, a United States national, or a lawful permanent resident alien
- Be at least 17 years old
- Pledge to complete 450 hours of service work during one calendar year
- Have an interest in, commitment to, and knowledge of community service, activism, and/or social justice
- Have good organization and time management skills
- Be responsible and dependable

The Civic Engagement Office values diversity and strives to include students from diverse racial, ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds in this program.

APPLICATION:

On a separate sheet of paper, preferably typed, please provide the following information.

1. Aside from academic work, what other commitments do you expect to have this semester?
2. Why do you want to participate in the Scholars in Service to Pennsylvania program?
3. Describe the particular talents, skills, sensitivities, and perspectives you bring to service work.
4. Applicants must focus on a specific type of service or activism, but need not have an identified service site or internship to apply. Please identify and describe a specific area of service or activism through which you would focus your energies during your year of service with this program.
5. Briefly describe any relevant service and/or activism experiences you have had, paid or unpaid. Be sure to include the name of each organization, your responsibilities (including leadership experience), the dates you worked with that organization, and your weekly time commitment.
6. Please describe how you think your life is shaped by your racial, ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic background. How might your status in these categories be similar to and different from those you may work with through this program? How will you try to use your access to power, knowledge, and life experience to benefit and empower those with whom you work?

Please list below two references we may call who can attest to your abilities, skills, and experience. At least one should be a Bryn Mawr staff person, i.e. your dean, a faculty member, or work supervisor.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
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