

# B R Y N M A W R C O L L E G E

## Harris Wofford Summer of National Service Application

### OVERVIEW

In honor of Harris Wofford, former President of Bryn Mawr College and retired Chairman of the Corporation for National Service, Bryn Mawr College provides an opportunity for a funded summer of public service anywhere in the United States. One selected student will spend the summer interning for a public service organization anywhere in the United States and/or completing an individual service project. **Applicants must have identified a project or internship to apply.** The selected student will meet with Civic Engagement Office staff to finalize plans for her placement or project. The recipient of the 2006 Harris Wofford Summer of National Service opportunity will receive a summer stipend/living allowance of \$3200. The application deadline is Friday, March 17, 2006. Students will be notified on or before Friday, April 16, 2006.

### WHAT IS "SERVICE"

Bryn Mawr broadly defines service and activism. Students with a wide range of interests and experience are encouraged to apply. Focus areas might include but are not limited to:

Education	Environment	Community Arts
Child Welfare	Older Adults	Public Health
Public Policy	Disability Services	Women's Issues
Social Service	Hunger	Homelessness

### CONTINUED COMMITMENT:

The ongoing commitment of the Summer of National Service recipient is to promote community service and activism at Bryn Mawr. She will be expected not only to serve as a leader on campus, but as an active participant in the Bryn Mawr service community.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be undergraduate Bryn Mawr students completing their freshman, sophomore, or junior year. Students who plan to be at Bryn Mawr in the fall of 2005 will be given special consideration. Applicants **MUST** have identified a project or internship to apply. The Civic Engagement Office values diversity and seeks talented students from diverse backgrounds. A completed application includes:

- Completed application form (attached)
- A two page description of your internship and/or project, including a description of the organization, target population, proposed work or project, and a personal statement addressing how the opportunity fits with your ongoing interest in service or activism.
- A sponsorship letter from the agency or organization where you will perform your service activities.
- Personal interviews will be required of final candidates.

**Contact Ellie Esmond in the Civic Engagement Office (eesmond, X6591) for more information.**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

BMC Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Box #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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- 1) Complete the application form below
  - 2) Attach a two-page description of your internship and/or project. Your description should include detailed information about the organization(s) you will work with, target population, proposed work or project, and a personal statement addressing how the opportunity fits with your ongoing interest in service or activism.
  - 3) Enclose a sponsorship letter from the agency or organization where you will perform your service activities.
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On a separate sheet of paper, preferably typed, please provide the following information.

1. Briefly describe your interest in public service. For example, do you prefer direct service, activism, advocacy, or a combination of the three? What service and/or activism issues are most important to you and why? If you could manifest one element of positive change in the world, what would it be?
2. 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.
3. Please tell us 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?
4. Briefly describe how, when you return to campus in the fall, you might promote an atmosphere of service and activism within the Bryn Mawr community. Please include the ways in which you would present yourself and your work this summer to the broader College community.

5. Please list two adult references (at least one should be a Bryn Mawr staff person, i.e. your dean, a faculty member or a work/study supervisor) and two peer references (at least one should be a Bryn Mawr student) and phone numbers where they can be reached.

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