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board meeting and spring mixer. The board consists of 12 diverse members from across the country and provides alumni with the opportunity to serve as YP4 trainers, engage our alumni, develop advanced leadership trainings, mentor current YP4 Fellows, and much more. In preparation for the regional training the alumni board was trained on 4 pieces of curriculum and built out work plans to support the 2012 goals of YP4 including creating new opportunities to engage alumni and support the Fellowship program.

We are thrilled to announce the selection of <u>our 2012-</u> <u>2013 Fellowship class</u>! Comprised of 150 dynamic and diverse leaders from over 80 campuses in 32 states, we are excited to welcome a new cohort of young progressives to the YP4 family. The 2012-2013 Alumni Board is excited to welcome the new Fellowship Class (<u>read their notes here</u>). If you would like to send them a welcome note <u>contact Paloma</u>! Thanks again to all the alumni and partners who helped us review applications, interview, and select the new Fellowship class! The new fellows will be introduced to YP4 through four regional This month's featured Fellow is **Crystal Obiukwu**, a 2011-2012 YP4 Fellow at Ohio State University. Crystal talks about the hate crimes that happened less than 48 hours after students held a vigil for Trayvon Martin and Shaima Alawadi. We had a moment to talk to Crystal about how faculty and students are addressing racism at Ohio State University and her advice for incoming Fellows.

Crystal Obiukwu

FEATURED FELLOW

[Click here to read our interview with Crystal.]

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trainings across the country; Madison (June 14-17th); Los Angeles (July 12-15); Raleigh (July 26-29th); Los Angeles, CA (August 11-14). We'll be hosting welcome receptions in each city and if you're in the area we'd love to see you! <u>RSVP today!</u> There are a number of ways to engage with the new fellows this year so if you're interested in serving as a mentor, trainer, or in some other capacity please contact <u>Paloma Ibañez</u>, in our Advanced Leadership & Alumni department.

We are also excited to announce our two Senior Fellows, **Joseph Reaves** and **Shinei Gibbs**, both **2010-2011 Fellows** who will receive funding to continue to work on their Blueprints for Social Justice.

In preparation for graduation, we are happy to be able to provide our network with a professional development and career support. In addition to individual career coaching, we are excited to be able to offer a <u>Progressive Academy Online</u> career series. Join YP4 and partner Alyssa Best for three evenings to enhance your professional toolkit. The series begins with <u>Marketing Your Best Self: Resume and Cover Letter</u> <u>Tips</u>, <u>How to Ace a Job Interview</u>, and <u>Negotiating</u> <u>Salary and Benefits in an Economic</u>

<u>Recession</u>. Whether you need advice on writing your resume, finding your first job out of college, or if you need advice on how to approach changing career fields, the <u>YP4 Career Center</u> has teamed with our progressive partner, Alyssa Best, to help alumni find those answers. YP4 is offering a limited number of one-on-one coaching sessions to our Fellows and alumni, <u>apply now</u> while there is still space!

#### [Update now]

We're building for the future... now.



If would like to help guarantee that none of our Fellows miss out on the opportunity to participate in the Fellowship Program this year, <u>click</u> <u>here to make a generous donation</u>. Your contribution will help cover the cost of transporting, feeding, and housing over 150 fellows as they travel to National Summit from nearly 100 campuses across the country.

Support the newest generation of progressive leaders by making a generous gift today.

Watch videos, upload your YP4 pictures and more! YP4's on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, Future 5000... you name it. [Connect with YP4]



We have a new series of professional development webinars in our Progressive Academy Online: We are also happy to **announce that we are taking** <u>applications for Conference and Training Support</u>! That's right, YP4 wants to pay for you to access conferences and trainings that will support your activism on campus and in the community. Participants in this program will act as representatives of YP4 at the event(s) they attend, and will be expected to conduct outreach on behalf of the program. Please submit this form no later than 1 month prior to your conference/training to be considered for this opportunity. If you have any questions please <u>contact William</u>. **Read more about upcoming opportunities in our upcoming Alumni Digest and in the** Alumni in Action section **below**!

Finally, we are proud to announce that <u>Paloma Ibañez</u> has been promoted to the position of Advanced Leadership and Alumni Program Manager at YP4! In her new role Paloma will continue to monitor and maintain critical information about the work of YP4's 1000+ alumni and will also now be responsible for the development of advanced leadership opportunities, cultivating partnerships, and develop new and innovative strategies to maintain YP4 alumni engagement. <u>Due to</u> her promotion we are now looking for an Advanced Leadership and Alumni program Associate. Please take a moment to congratulate Paloma today!

All the best,

Joy Jawson

Director Young People For

April 19th, 2012 | 3:00-4:00pm ET | Marketing Your Best Self: Resume and Cover Letter Tips

May 3rd, 2012 | 3:00-4:00pm ET |How to Ace a Job Interview

May 17th, 2012 | 3:00-4:00pm ET Negotiating Salary and Benefits in an Economic Recession



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Young People For, Advanced Leadership and Alumni Program Associate, DC

Responsibilities for this position include collaborating with the Advanced Leadership & Alumni Program Managerto set annual and quarterly department goals and ensure the department achieves monthly deliverables; assist with program components of all advanced leadership trainings designed for Fellows who have completed the first year Fellowship program (e.g. Front Line Leaders Academy, Progressive Academy Online, Leadership Academy, and



We're working this month and next to close out the Fellowship program for our 2011-2012 Fellowship class. Fellows will undergo exit interviews at the close of their Fellowship to provide updates and next steps from their Blueprints for Social Justice, as well as critical feedback about the program to inform our planning for the program moving forward. If you're an alum of the Fellowship program and are interested in conducting exit interviews, please contact Paloma at <u>pibanez@pfaw.org</u>.

Our civic engagement fellows have been matched with mentors to support their work. Check out our mentors <u>here</u>.





The <u>Huffington Post</u> and the Wilson Times recently ran pieces on 2011-2012 YP4 Fellow Catherine Okafor's

Blueprint for Social Justice.Seeing a growing need in her community, Catherine started the WISE Girls camp (Women Inspiring Success and Empowering Girls) to help empower and inspire young females and teach them about topics including body image, selfesteem/self-confidence, life goals, health, fitness and more! She is also working on a College Admissions Boot networking events); support the Alumni Program by monitoring and maintaining critical information about the work of YP4's alumni; support and build YP4's local presence through Local Alumni Networks;and assist in the management of the Mentorship Program and the Alumni Board.

American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, Legal Assistant Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender & AIDS Project, NY

American Diabetes Association, Managing Director, VA

Bend the Arc, <u>Community</u> Organizing <u>Residency</u>, various

CARE USA, Livelihoods Gender Justice Advisor, GA

CFY, <u>Senior Manager, Special</u> <u>Projects</u>, CA

Conservation Voters New Mexico Education Fund, Program Manager, NM

Fair Share Alliance, <u>Campaign</u> <u>Director</u>, DC

NAPAWF, Immigrant Rights Project Manager, DC, NY

NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland, Development Associate, MD Camp to provide high school students with key resources during their college admissions process. Planning both daylong camps to include several workshops and activities, the goals of these camps are to promote the success of younger generations.



Young People For is undergoing some important and exciting changes in our Advanced Leadership & Alumni department. Including <u>hiring an Advanced Leadership &</u> <u>Alumni Program Associate</u>. These changes will create access to additional leadership development opportunities for our alumni and fellows and support them as they continue their work in their communities. Our advanced leadership work focuses on creating access to individual and professional development opportunities & campaign leadership development. While we will still continue to feature opportunities to engage in the newsletter, next month we will launch our first Alumni Digest - meant to connect alumni to upcoming opportunities for engagement with the organization.

On April 13-15<sup>th</sup>, YP4 brought together our <u>2012-2013</u> <u>Alumni Board</u> in Washington, DC. This year's board represents Fellowship Classes from 2006 – to our current 2011-2012 class and all of our leadership programs. These 12 alumni trained and provided edits on YP4's core curriculum that we will present at our Regional Trainings. National Partnership for Women & Families, Program Assistant, DC

National Immigrant Justice Center, <u>Director of Policy</u>, IL

Orange County Communities Organized for Responsible Development, <u>Researcher/Policy</u> Analyst, CA

Pennsylvania Certified Organic, Director of Operations, PA

Progressive Majority, <u>National</u> Candidate Recruitment Manager, DC

Sierra Club, <u>Senior Campaign</u> Representative - Beyond Coal, TX

Sonoran Institute, <u>Major Gifts</u> <u>Director</u>, AZ

Teach for America, <u>Social Media</u> <u>Specialist</u>, Multiple, DC, NYC, Boston preferred

The Management Center, Partner, DC

The Women's Collective, Youth Program Assistant, DC

University of the District of Columbia, <u>Academic Coordinator</u>, DC The Alumni Board completed a fundraising training, led by 2005 alumnus Jon Hoadley. **The board conducted call time to our 1000+ alumni and in an hour and a half they called 414 alumni and raised \$4,006.** The 2 Co-Chairs will lead the alumni board in creating a fundraising plan for YP4.

This year's Alumni Board is divided into two committees. The Fellowship Committee, which primarily engages alumni and supports YP4 staff around our yearlong Fellowship Program. The Movement Sustainability Committee engages alumni around advanced leadership opportunities and supports YP4 staff on creating new alumni engagement opportunities. The Alumni Board built out work plans in each of the committees to support YP4 2012 goals and is excited to bring new elements into our programs. The board elected 3 Committee Chairs and 2 Alumni Board Co-Chairs whose leadership will guide, support, and respond to the needs of our entire alumni network.

Among those opportunities we are thrilled to announce the return of our Senior Fellowship & Career Coaching. YP4 understands that the change we create is longterm. That's why the Senior Fellowship gives alumni access to resources to continue working on their Blueprint for Social Justice or to start a new Blueprint in their community. Don't miss your change to <u>apply for a</u> <u>Senior Fellowship (hurry - there are limited spots</u> <u>available!) apply today</u>! If you have questions please feel free to contact Paloma Ibanez.

We also know that in order to create lasting change our alumni and Fellows need continued access to resources We're always looking for new jobs! Please <u>send us</u> local job boards, listservs, and job descriptions!



Recent Articles <u>3 Easy-to-Make Mistakes Job</u> <u>Candidates Should Avoid At All</u> <u>Costs</u>, Amanda Abella

7 Examples of Fresh New Ways to Start Your Cover Letter, Jessica Holbrook Hernandez

7 Tips for Improving Email Etiquette, Kaitlin Madden<u>How to</u> Ask for a Raise, Yun Siang Long

<u>After interviews, thank-you letters,</u> <u>and follow up</u>, Virginia Tech

How to Ask for a Raise, Yun Siang Long

How to Be Remarkable (While Most Everyone Else is Terrible), Tim Murphy

How to Find a Job, If You Are Young, Billy Parish

How to Follow Up After the

like career coaching. With youth unemployment the lowest it's been in 60 years, we want to ensure that our alumni are able to secure jobs in the progressive movement. That's why we're offering a limited amount of one-on-one coaching sessions to our Fellows and alumni.

Whether you need advice on writing your resume, finding your first job out of college, or if you need advice on how to approach changing career fields, the <u>YP4</u> <u>Career Center</u> has teamed with our progressive partner, Alyssa Best, to help alumni find those answers. YP4 is offering a limited number of one-on-one coaching sessions to our Fellows and alumni, <u>apply now</u> while there is still space!

In a few months, the 2011-2012 Fellowship class will come to a close and we're looking for alumni to help conduct exit interviews. YP4 prides itself on evolving each year to meet the needs of our Fellows and alumni. To continue this critical evaluation process this year we will be conducting exit interviews with our Fellowship class. If you can volunteer time in April and May <u>please</u> <u>contact Paloma</u>.

#### Fellow & Alumni Updates:

We have selected two Senior Fellows, **Joseph Reaves** and **Shinei Gibbs**, both **2010 Fellows**. They will receive funding to continue to work on their Blueprints for Social Justice.

Major congratulations to **Elena Swartz, 2011 Fellow,** who was awarded both the Dr. Hayley S. Thomas Prize in Diversity at Bryn Mawr College and the Bolton Prize Interview, Lisa Adams

The 80/20 Rule for Women Getting Past No, Lisa Gates

The Five Pillars of Workplace Happiness, Ronald E. Riggio, Ph.D.

<u>The Secret to a Successful Career</u> <u>Transition: Blogging</u>, Whitney Parker

<u>Tips to Breeze Through Your Next</u> <u>Phone Interview Without Getting</u> <u>Blown Over</u>, Sylwia Dziedzic

Why Being Your (Super) Self is Better Than Being Professional, Althaf Ahmed from the Bryn Mawr Growth and Structure of Cities Department for achieving excellence in her senior thesis . With the Bolton Prize Elena plans to travel to New Orleans to understand how performance art is being used by residents to cope with conflict in the post-Katrina city.

This summer Daniel Leon, 2010 Fellow, 2011 Alumni Intern, 2012 Blueprint Trainer, will be the High School Program Coach at the Clinton Foundation in NYC. There he will be selecting and supervising the high school interns at the foundation and ensuring that they are provided with the best college prep and work experience. This fall Daniel will be the Events & Logistics Intern at the Future of Music Coalition. There he will be helping organize the annual Policy Summit which brings together hundreds of musicians and policy makers to speak on how policies impact musician's incomes and health. Finally, Daniel was chosen to present his research on individuals' perceptions of community change (specifically gentrification and revitalization in DC) at the Annual School of International Service Undergraduate Research Conference. Congrats Daniel on all your accomplishments!

Check out **2006 Fellow Laura Hadden's** newest project: <u>United Noshes</u>.

Congrats to **2007 YP4 & 2011 FLLA Fellow Emily Finchum** who will be working with the Chicago Public Education Fund as a Education Equality Policy Fellow!

Congratulations to Paul Gomez, 2007 YP4 and 2009 Leadership Academy, and Cordelia Spence-Gomez, 2007, on the most recent addition to their family!

Congrats goes out to **2008 Fellow Samia Taouloust-Malik** who just <u>received a StartingBloc Fellowship</u>!

So proud to work with **Nijeul Xaviere Porter, 2009 & current Fellowship Committee Chair** of the YP4 Alumni Board! <u>Check out this video</u> about his work producing theatre for social change at Howard University and at the Steppenwolf Theatre Company!

Don't miss **2010 Fellow Rajiv Narayan's** video on the beginnings of a farm bill in California <u>here</u>.

2010 Fellows Brandon Storm and Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein and 2011 Fellow Ivan Rahman traveled to Washington, DC with the DMI Scholars 2012 Winter Institute Weekend to continue cultivating their research, writing and professional skills.

We are very excited for **2010 Fellow Laurie Bailon** who was accepted to Harvard's Graduate School of Education and will be attending in the Fall!

Congratulations to **2010 Fellow Keely McCaskie** who was selected to be a 2012 UDALL SCHOLAR!

**2010 Fellow Richard Aviles** just presented their Blueprint for Social Justice, "Breaking Oppression Through Expression", and continues to research and write around queer theory and queer identity and the arts.

Check out 2010 Fellow May Mgbolu's video on her

juvenile justice work in Arizona here.

Check out **2011 Fellow John Harris III**'s <u>spoken word</u> piece on Trayvon Martin.

Check out **2011 Fellow LaShay Cherry**'s film on love and freedom!

Congrats to **2011 Fellow Mel Meder** who just recieved a grant to work full-time this summer with the national <u>Student Global AIDS Campaign</u>!

Congrats **Gabrielle Shulruff, 2011**, who was accepted into <u>Performing Arts Abroad</u> Theater program in Costa Rica!

Check out **2011 Fellow Paul Cato's** <u>Blueprint in Action</u>! We're proud to be part of the amazing change you're creating at Swathmore.

Want to be featured? <u>Tell us</u> about the great things that you're doing!

# **EVENTS & TRAININGS**

As a leadership development program we understand the importance of attending conferences and skills trainings to better hone your leadership skills. We are excited to <u>announce that we have conference funding</u> <u>available to our Fellows and Alumni.</u> Funding is limited and available on a first come, first serve basis. Because funding is limited we put together a toolkit on <u>fundraising</u> for conferences last year, which might be helpful for you if you're trying to get somewhere. Let us know if you need any other support!

### Annual Convention | National Council on Educating Black Children | Kansas City, MO | April 26-29

This Annual Convention showcases the best and proven programs throughout the country that are increasing African American male achievement and development; introduces effective programs that increase advocacy and building of the "Public Will" to improve quality of life and increase opportunities to learn for all children, especially African American males; engages policy discussions that increase capacity to access financial support of NCEBC's initiatives and programs, particularly those that directly impact African American males; and provides materials and strategies to break down barriers that deny African American children (males in particular) access to the resources necessary for high academic performance.

### The Reproductive Justice Leadership Institute| Choice USA| Long Beach, CA| April 27-29

The Reproductive Justice Leadership Institute is a weekend-long intensive workshop introducing activists (ages 17-25) from all over California to the reproductive justice movement and basic organizing skills. Designed for young people who are new to the movement, the Reproductive Justice Leadership Institute helps build lasting connections among young leaders. Travel and hotel expenses are covered to ensure that this event is accessible for all our leaders.

## <u>3rd Annual Student Activist Training</u> Common Cause Apply by May 15 Berkeley, CA August, 10-12

Students across California are coming together to learn how to be better activists, organizers, and game changers. This 3-day skills and issues training event is designed to help you turn your passions into priorities in our democracy.

### Strategic Corporate Research Summer School Cornell University & AFL-CIO Apply by May 17

This is a reminder that the application deadline for the Strategic Corporate Research Summer School is May 17. The class is sponsored by the AFL-CIO and Cornell University and it will take place on June 10-15, 2012 in Ithaca, New York. The course (credit or non-credit) is designed for undergrad and grad students who are interested in working as union campaign researchers. Scholarships are available based on need if taking the course for credit. To access the online application link and obtain other information, <u>click here</u> or <u>contact Kate Bronfenbrenner</u> at (607) 254-4749.

# Brooklyn Food Conference Brooklyn Food Coalition Brooklyn Tech Highschool Brooklyn, NY May 12

The Brooklyn Food Conference is a conference dedicated to the vision of a just and sustainable food system in Brooklyn. The Coalition is fundamentally committed to building an inclusive, multi-racial, multicultural alliance of residents and community-based groups from all parts of Brooklyn, reflecting the borough's rich diversity.

29th Annual National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials Orlando, FL|June 21-23 The NALEO Annual Conference is different from any other professional development gathering for elected officials. It presents a unique opportunity for them to meet with their colleagues at all levels of government, from local school boards to the President's Cabinet. With such a concentration of political discourse, the conference is known as "The Latino Political Convention," a venue for the meaningful exchange of ideas and solutions to today's most pressing policy issues.

### Annual Convening | Young Elected Officials Network | Washington, DC | June 21-24

The premiere event of the YEO Network, the annual National Convening, will be held in Washington, DC on June 21-24, 2012. The YEO National Convening is the largest gathering of young elected leaders in the country. With an amazing speaker line up last year and the continued growth of this amazing group, the 2012 Convening promises to be bigger and better than ever.

## National Convention | League of United Latin American Citizens| Orlando, FL| June 25-30

The League of United Latin American Citizens invites you to participate in the 83rd Annual LULAC National Convention & Exposition in Orlando, Florida from June 25 through June 30, 2012. As the premier Hispanic convention, the LULAC National Convention draws over 20,000 participants each year including the top leaders from government, business, and the Hispanic community.

Annual Convention | NAACP | Houston, TX | July 7-12

### Annual Conference | National Council of La Raza | Las Vegas, NV | July 7-10, 2012

The NCLR Annual Conference has consistently been the gathering location for Latino leaders, influencers, business leaders, elected officials, and community organizers in the country, and provides the ultimate opportunity to learn about current issues in education, health, workforce development, youth leadership, nonprofit management, policy updates, and other topics that impact not only Latinos but all American communities.

## The International AIDS Conference| Washington, DC| July 22-27th

The International AIDS Conference is the premier gathering for those working in the field of HIV, as well as policy makers, persons living with HIV and other individuals committed to ending the pandemic. It is a chance to assess where we are, evaluate recent scientific developments and lessons learnt, and collectively chart a course forward.

# FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

# Summer Academy Fellowship| NGLTF| Applications due April 30th

This isn't your average fellowship — this is your chance to create change! The Academy Fellowship is a paid social justice fellowship that's furiously intense. The program provides the first-hand real-world experience working for social justice that is necessary for becoming a professional organizer. Throughout the Fellowship you will learn to disseminate a progressive worldview that connects LGBT issues to struggles against racism, classism, ableism, and spiritual oppression; to build relationships with a broad-cross section of other LGBT movement leaders, especially in communities of faith and communities of color. For more information, click here.

# Elizabeth Neuffer Fellowship| IWMF| Apply by April 30th

Elizabeth Neuffer Fellowship provides women journalist with a transformative experience that will impact her career by offering her the opportunity to conduct research at leading academic institutions and build journalistic skills. The Elizabeth Neuffer Fellowship seeks to impact public awareness of human rights journalism by encouraging dialogue and discussion about critical human rights issues. Applications are open until April 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Diversity Fellowship| Proteus Fund**

The Diversity Fellowship is designed to increase the number of people of color in positions of leadership within philanthropy who are skilled grant makers using a lens of equity and inclusion, and to support grant making to communities of color that is more representative and effective.

# Ms. Foundation Fellowship| Applications due May 7th

The Ms. Foundation for Women was founded to build women's collective power across race and class from the ground up. For more than 35 years we have transformed the lives of women, families and communities and advanced women's solutions for equitable policy and culture change nationwide. The Ms. Foundation is pleased to announce the Ms. Foundation Fellowship. The Fellowship provides the opportunity for dynamic leaders to leverage our resources and support to develop promising strategies that shift policies and cultural conditions that enable inequality to thrive.

Fellowship awardees receive financial compensation up to \$85,000 for one year (dependent upon project terms and experience); health benefits; the opportunity to apply for a continuation grant of up to \$50,000; travel assistance and conference fee; office space and equipment; professional development and mentoring; & networking opportunities.

#### TED Fellowship Program Deadline Approaching

The TED Fellows program is designed to bring together young world-changers and trailblazers who have shown unusual accomplishment and exceptional courage. The program targets individuals from the Asia/Pacific region, Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America and the Middle East, though anyone from anywhere in the world, age 18 and over, is welcome to apply.

#### Congressional Black Caucus Congressional Fellows

# Congressional Black Caucus Fund Apply by May 23rd

CBCF Congressional Fellows Program, Fellows work in congressional member and committee offices, attend leadership development seminars, complete a community service project and produce policy papers. During the first-year office placement, Fellows gain invaluable experience as they assist in the development of legislative and public policy initiatives in CBC Member Offices. Applications are open until May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012.

#### Louis Stokes Urban Health Public Policy Fellows

Congressional Black Caucus Fund Apply by May 23rd

CBCF Louis Stokes Urban Health Public Policy Fellows Program is a 20-month policy training and leadership development program that targets early to mid-level policy professionals who are committed to eliminating health disparities nationally and globally. are open until May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012.

# Empire State Fellows Program New York Deadline June 1

The Empire State Fellows Program is a full-time leadership training program that will prepare the next generation of talented professionals for careers as New York State policy-makers. The first class of Empire State Fellows will serve from September 2012 to September 2014. While taking part in the work of government, Empire Fellows will participate in educational and professional development programs that will prepare them to confront the increasingly complex policy challenges facing New York State.

#### Seed Grants| Do Something

Are you working to start a community action project or program? Do you need money to put your ideas into action? If you answered, "YES!", you are eligible to apply for a <u>Do Something Seed Grant</u>. Do Something gives out a \$500 Do Something Seed Grant every week to help young people just like YOU!

Do Something Seed Grants are targeted towards project

ideas and programs that are just getting started. These grants can be used to jump-start your program or to realize your ideas for the first time. If you are looking for funding to help take your project to the next level, check out the Do Something Growth Grants!

#### CHANGE Fellowship | Oxfam America

CHANGE is Oxfam America's national student leadership program for rising sophomores and juniors. Each year 50 students are selected from the US and around the world. The year-long program requires that accepted applicants attend a week-long training in the summer. CHANGE Leaders commit to join or form an Oxfam Club and implement an Oxfam campaign on campus during the 2012-13 academic year. <u>Apply today!</u>

### Brower Youth Awards| Earth Island Institute's New Leaders Initiative | Award

Earth Island Institute established the Brower Youth Awards to honor founder and legendary activist David R. Brower. The Brower Youth Awards recognizes six young people in North America annually for their outstanding activism and achievements in the fields of environmental and environmental justice advocacy. The winners of the award receive a \$3,000 cash prize, a trip to California for the award ceremony and wilderness camping trip, and ongoing access to resources and opportunities to further their work at Earth Island Institute. Young activist leaders ages 13-22 living in North America are eligible to apply.

#### ProInspire Fellowship Program

ProInspire's flagship program, the ProInspire Fellowship,

recruits top business professionals with 2-5 years of business experience who want to use their skills for social impact and to invest in a growing community of ProInspire fellows. Fellows spend one year working in an analytical or strategic role at a nonprofit organization. After the Fellowship, Fellows engage with our community of alumni to continue investing in the sector.

This highly competitive program offers targeted positions with leading nonprofits, monthly trainings with a cohort of peers, a coach, and a network to support career growth. <u>For more information</u> or to apply, click here.

#### **Boren Fellowships**

Boren Fellowships provide up to \$30,000 to U.S. graduate students to add an important international and language component to their graduate education through specialization in area study, language study, or increased language proficiency. Boren Fellowships support study and research in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests, including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded. For a complete list of countries, <u>click here</u>.

Boren Fellows represent a variety of academic and professional disciplines, but all are interested in studying less commonly taught languages, including but not limited to Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Swahili. For a complete list of languages, <u>click here</u>. Boren Fellowships are funded by the National Security Education Program (NSEP), which focuses on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study deemed critical to U.S. national security. Applicants should identify how their projects, as well as their future academic and career goals, will contribute to U.S. national security, broadly defined. NSEP draws on a broad definition of national security, recognizing that the scope of national security has expanded to include not only the traditional concerns of protecting and promoting American well-being, but also the challenges of global society, including sustainable development, environmental degradation, global disease and hunger, population growth and migration, and economic

#### Asia Pacific Leadership Program Fellowship

The APLP is a nine-month program (mid-August to mid-May) that begins with a four-and-a-half-month period spent living and working within a diverse international community at the East-West Center in Honolulu (August to December). During this period, activities include workshops, discussion seminars, outdoor challenges, lectures, simulations, field exercises, independent work, and online activities. Joining the program each year are over 50 world-class guests who deliver specific areas of program content and provide mentorship. In the program's second phase (January to May), participants activate and further develop the first term's learning by engaging in a range of flexible, customized activities. These activities include: continuing or new employment, graduate coursework at the University of Hawai'i, applied leadership projects, or extended field studies in Asia or the Pacific. In all cases, the program continues through online and/or face-to-face meetings. A capstone reunion is held at graduation in Honolulu in May.

### Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz College- YP4 Scholarships

In conjunction with its newly established partnership with Carnegie Mellon University's H. John Heinz III College, YP4 is proud to announce the creation of the *Heinz College-YP4 Scholarship*. Beginning in 2011, Heinz College will award the scholarship to incoming students in the Master of Science in Public Policy and Management (MSPPM) program who have been YP4 Fellows. The award will be made at the time of admission (no separate application is necessary) and the student will receive at least \$6,000 per semester – most will receive more. To be considered, applicants should indicate their involvement with YP4 on the application for admission.

For more information, <u>click here</u>.

#### **Root-Tilden-Kern Public Interest Scholarships**

The 40 participants selected each year have strong leadership experience or exhibit high leadership potential. All participants have at least a bachelor's degree and most have a master's degree. APLP participants come from virtually all Asia Pacific countries and a tremendous range of professional backgrounds (for example, science, business, development, politics, government, civil society, medicine, religious orders, art, finance, academia, and research). The age of participants ranges from mid-20s to mid-40s, with an average age of 32. Peer learning between participants and alumni is a centerpiece of program design.

The RTK is a scholarship program for law students who are committed to pursuing public interest work after

graduation. Each year, the program selects 20 Scholars on the basis of commitment to public service work, leadership potential, and academic excellence. In return for a ten-year commitment to public service, Scholars receive full tuition for all three years of law school, as well as an orientation, mentoring, and networking opportunities.

The RTK has a broad definition of public interest work. Graduates have gone on to a range of careers, including civil rights, community development, criminal justice, government and politics (at the federal, state, and local levels), international human rights, direct legal services, public policy, and social entrepreneurship.

### Action Alliance Campus Progress | Grant Program and Partnership Opportunities

Through the Action Alliance program Campus Progress promotes progressive ideas and actions that create more just and equitable communities through the strategic development of youth-led local and state wide organizations and campaigns. These campaigns cover a wide range of issue areas from protecting immigrant rights to creating LGBTQ resource centers. The Action Alliances consist of small grants and/or help in planning and executing a campaign. You can receive support for your campaign by applying for one or both of the following:

 <u>Organizing Grants</u>: You will receive a grant of up to \$1,500 a year to help with websites, flyers or whatever else you might need to make your campaign a success. Organizing Grant applications are accepted year round.

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