

# PolitiCorps

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## Summer Institute Fellowship Application

### Personal Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
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Current Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Application Materials Checklist

- Completed application questions
- Current school transcript—a photocopy of an official transcript is acceptable
- Current professional resume, no more than 1 page
- Two letters of recommendation—from a professor, employer, or volunteer supervisor
- Academic writing sample—up to 10 pages, social science preferred (political science, history, economics, sociology, anthropology)
- Signed Fellowship Agreement

### Admission Process

There are three application periods for the summer program. **Early admission applications:** Due December 19, 2007. Qualifying candidates will be contacted for interviews by January 15, 2008. **General admission applications:** Due March 3, 2008. Qualifying candidates will be contacted for interviews by March 14, 2007. PolitiCorps will accept 50% of the 2008 class through **rolling admissions applications** until June 6, 2008.

PolitiCorps Summer Fellows are eligible for a yearlong fellowship, culminating in placements with campaigns and non-profit organizations in September of 2009. Would you like to be considered for this fellowship, in addition to the Summer Institute?  Yes.  No.

### **Mail applications to:**

PolitiCorps Admissions  
333 SE 2nd Avenue  
Portland, OR 97214

## PolitiCorps Summer Institute 2008 Fellowship Agreement

### PolitiCorps Overview: Not Just a School of Thought

PolitiCorps Fellows learn new ways of thinking about the world, absolutely. But PolitiCorps is not just a school of thought. PolitiCorps is a place where Fellows **learn by doing**: they register voters, organize communities, vet public policy white papers, launch media campaigns, and, at the end of the day, make an impact. It's the only program of its kind—a political immersion and leadership training program designed to engage and prepare college students and recent graduates for a broad spectrum of progressive leadership activities.

### The Summer Institute offers:

- A cleared path towards a career in the public interest
- Close friendships with some of the brightest, most dedicated young people in the country
- Introductions to progressive leaders, professionals, and change agents
- Experiential trainings from nationally known politicians, wonks, strategists, and pundits
- The skills and habits needed to pursue progressive activism
- Training in communications, grassroots and netroots organizing, public policy, networking, information systems, fundraising, and campaign management
- Mentored development of new ideas, project models, and campaign plans

PolitiCorps Summer Institute is a summer-long political boot camp. From June 22nd through August 22nd, Fellows will find themselves immersed in a challenging and rewarding experience that will change their lives. The hours are long, the responsibilities are real, and the results of hard work are tangible. PolitiCorps can be fun, but it's not a game. Fellows engage real communities, fight for ideas and policies that will make a difference, and work with partner organizations - sometimes pitching in for candidates whose progressive values and voices will provide national leadership.

PolitiCorps Fellows are supported by a modest stipend of \$1000 for the summer. Fellows are provided with housing during the Fellowship term of service. Opportunity grants are available based on need.

### Who Should Apply to PolitiCorps Summer Institute?

PolitiCorps Fellows are college seniors or recent graduates from diverse backgrounds who have demonstrated commitment to progressive values and a deep interest in the political process and public policy. Candidates with alternative educational experiences are also welcome to apply. PolitiCorps Fellows come from every state in the nation, and from a diverse range of experiential and cultural backgrounds. Extensive campaign experience is not a prerequisite for PolitiCorps—but an understanding of campaign lifestyle does help Fellows make the most of the Summer Institute experience.

### Please Sign Below

I understand and am ready to jump into the PolitiCorps Fellowship term of service. I will be able to participate fully in all program elements from June 22nd through August 22nd, 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Optional

PolitiCorps is committed to offering fellowships to all eligible candidates, and to reaching a diverse applicant pool. This section of your application materials will be clipped and removed, and will not be considered when reviewing applicant qualifications. The information will help us evaluate and improve our recruitment methods. Thank you for your candid responses.

What is your gender? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your race or ethnicity? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about PolitiCorps? \_\_\_\_\_

Do PolitiCorps recruitment materials seem to be speaking to you and your interests? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Education

	institution name	graduation date	major or concentration
High School			
College			

Other relevant (or irrelevant yet fascinating) course work or training:

## Activities

In the space below, please list any additional activities that may prepare you for this fellowship, or otherwise knock our socks off.

## Other interests

We're game to know more about you, so long as you can fit it in the space below.

## Picture it

Send a photograph that says something about you. Tell us about it in a paragraph or two.

## Essay: reply to one of the following in 500 words

1. Describe the experience that first motivated your interest in public service in politics.
2. Imagine yourself at 30 years old. What would you like to have accomplished?
3. Select a recent news article from any source that provides a smart take on a complex public policy issue. Write a letter to the editor in response to this article. (And send us the article for pete's sake!)



## Letter of Recommendation Form

**For the Applicant:** Photocopy this form and provide two letters of recommendation—**one** from a professor, and **one** from a professor, employer, or volunteer supervisor. Letters of recommendation may be included in your application package, in a sealed and signed envelope, or mailed separately by you or the referee. All application materials must arrive by the due date. PolitiCorps may be unable to consider incomplete applications.

Applicant name: \_\_\_\_\_

- Early Admissions applicant (due December 19, 2007)
- General Admissions applicant (due March 3, 2008)
- Rolling Admissions applicant (through June 6, 2008)

**For the Referee:** Thank you for providing a candid and illuminating letter of recommendation for the applicant. PolitiCorps Summer Institute is an intensive experience combining rigorous public policy course work, hands-on leadership training, and direct campaign experiences. The experience requires stamina, intelligence, humility, and a sense of humor. Please use your letter of recommendation to discuss the applicant's character, talents, and aspirations. Please attach this form to your letter.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know the applicant?    professor                       employer                       volunteer supervisor

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_