

# **AMARD&V Summer Fellowship Program**

#### AMARD&V Summer Fellowship Program Counselor

#### **PURPOSE:**

To engage youth ages 10-16 years of age participating in a five-week art based summer program by providing leadership and serving as a role model while working to ensure that program goals, projects, and objectives are met.

#### **FELLOWSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

- Assume all responsibilities, program objectives, rules, policies, and guidelines as directed and detailed by program Administrators.
- Attend and actively participate in a mandatory artist, fellows and staff training held in June.
- Participate in all other program related activities such as the fellow training, scheduled weekly meetings, the final program presentation, and the staff/fellow "clean-up day."
- Must attend the program's overnight program in July.
- Demonstrate consistent and reliable punctuality and attendance, including adhering to daily program scheduling spanning from July to August.
- Maintain open communication with program staff and administrators, including other fellows participating in the program.
- Problem solve through difficult situations utilizing learned information acquired during staff and fellow training seeking assistance when necessary.
- Enthusiastically assist lead Artist(s) and Junior Artists with the facilitation of class related artistic activities and endeavors.
- Work to ensure that participants are comfortable, safe, and included in all activities.
- Demonstrate a genuine interest in participants.
- Encourage respect for personal property, program supplies, and facilities.
- Follow discipline policy outlined for the summer program.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

This is a paid summer fellowship program and requires full participation in a 5 consecutive week experience. The fellowship operates on a full-time work schedule between July 9th and August 10th. Student fellows will gain leadership and collaborative skills through their work with youth, will enhance their learning skills, will learn techniques for the engagement of group activities and develop a professional network throughout the 5 weeks.







Suydam Street

Reformed Church







### **AMARD&V Summer Fellowship Program Description**

The AMARD&V Summer Program targets underserved and economically disadvantaged youth between the ages of 10 and 16 who are living in a challenging socio-economic environment. The program provides alternatives to violence through a summer program that builds confidence and team building skills, while broadening their knowledge of health-related topics and general understanding under the context of arts education. Since its inception more than 1,200 at-risk youth have participated in the summer program. In 2007, the New Jersey Department of State recognized the AMARD&V summer program as a model for the state and the field.

The AMARD&V Fellowship Program is a 5-week summer initiative for college students to empower at risk- youth in developing life skills/ abilities through a multidisciplinary arts education & health mentoring program in the City of New Brunswick, New Jersey. The program is offered in collaboration with the Puerto Rican Action Board, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, the Center for Latino Arts and Culture at Rutgers University, the Collaborative Center for Community Based Research and Service at Rutgers University, the New Brunswick Cultural Center and the Suydam Street Reformed Church.

#### HIGH QUALITY PROGRAMMING IN THE ARTS/HUMANITIES:

In conjunction with local artists, health promotion specialist and AMARD&V administrators the fellows will work with community youth as counselors in the development of the following life skills:

- Increase self-esteem
- Team work
- Enhance cultural pride & diversity
- Improve their ability to get along with others (especially those of different cultural backgrounds)
- Increase their appreciation for art
- Learn conflict resolution and non-violent skills
- Learn problem solving skills
- Improve sense of hopefulness for the future
- Explore racial or ethnic stereotypes that lead to conflict and violence



### **AMARD&V Summer Fellowship Program**

#### **Fellowship Application**

**TO APPLY:** Please submit a copy of your most updated resume and a short statement of interest not to exceed 250 words. The brief statement should answer the following question: When working with the youth population, what does the statement "healing through the arts" mean to you? Please make sure to address the following two sub-questions: What motivates you to work with youth at risk? What do you think you can contribute as a fellow?

Please submit these materials as attachments to your email. If selected, these items will be shared with the site supervisors prior to scheduling the interviews, which are expected to take place on the following dates April 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12th.

Please submit your application and required documents no later than **Monday, April 1, 2019 via email to AMARD@prab.org** 

For additional questions about the application you may contact: Yesenia Medina-Hernandez at 732-532-6193.

First (M) Last Name		
Date of Birth	Home Address	
City	State	_ Zip Code
Primary Number		
Primary Email		<del></del>

## Circle T-Shirt Size S M L XL XXL:

- 1. If selected as a fellow, you will be required to provide a copy of your Driver's License, Social Security Card, Rutgers ID and/or any other form of identification necessary to legally work in the US.
- 2. Must be present for all Training Sessions in May TBD. Orientation June 15th and overnight stay July 5<sup>th</sup>-6th.
- 3. Must have background check and be cleared to work with children.
- 4. Attend weekly staff meetings, final presentation and cleanup day.
- 5. Fellows are scheduled to work from 9am-5pm during the week including trips. Some flexibility may be required based on the need of the program, particularly during special field trips and/or events.
- 6. Fellows will maintain a weekly journal outlining their experiences, lessons learned, challenges, recommendations and feedback that will help us improve and/or enhance the program. In order to receive your final fellowship stipend will be required to submit your completed journal.
- 7. Two disbursements will be provided during the summer program.