

Illinois JusticeCorps Fellow

Full-Time AmeriCorps Position – 2017-2018

Chicago, Champaign-Urbana, Edwardsville, Galesburg, Markham, Rockford and Waukegan

The Illinois Bar Foundation and The Chicago Bar Foundation seek interested and qualified individuals to serve as full-time Illinois JusticeCorps Fellows for the 2017-2018 program year. Illinois JusticeCorps is an innovative program through which students serve as guides to make courts across Illinois more welcoming and less intimidating for people without lawyers. We recruit, train and provide the necessary support for college and law students to provide this procedural and navigational assistance.

Full-time JusticeCorps Fellows take on a leadership role for the student volunteers and assist in coordinating the role of Illinois JusticeCorps in the courthouse where they serve.

Job Responsibilities may include:

- Assisting self-represented litigants by providing legal information and connecting them to available legal aid resources
- Accompanying people without lawyers around the courthouse to help them complete the necessary steps to move forward with their legal matters
- Designing and implementing workshops and information sessions on going to court on your own and other topics for the general public
- Encouraging the culture of AmeriCorps and community volunteerism through planning and participating in service projects and other AmeriCorps events
- Working closely with site supervisors to support 300-hour members
- Serving as a role model and providing on-the-spot assistance to 300-hour members
- Coordinating member service schedules and schedule requests
- Recruiting, training and managing traditional volunteers participating in the program

The position requires that the full-time member:

- Make a one-year, 1700-hour commitment as an AmeriCorps member
- Serve at least 35 hours a week, during court hours (usually 8am-4:30pm)
- Attend all training sessions and other events to learn the facts needed to give accurate information.
- Attend required National Days of Service and Member Recognition Day
- Conscientiously gather and submit data needed for reports

Benefits:

- \$18,000 Living Allowance distributed evenly throughout the participant's term of service
- Individual Health Insurance
- Assistance paying for child care for eligible parents
- After completion of 1700-hour commitment, volunteer will receive \$5,775 Education Award for education expenses or loan repayment
- Great professional skills development, work experience and professional references

How to apply:

• For more information on how to apply, please email <u>applications@iljusticecorps.org</u>; Please indicate the location you are interested in applying for in the subject line.

Please note: this position is subject to funding.