



SOPHE/CDC Student Fellowship in Child, Adolescent and School Health

Application Deadline: September 15, 2009

The Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) is accepting applications for a new SOPHE/CDC Student Fellowship in Child, Adolescent, and School Health. This fellowship is designed to recognize, assist and train students working on projects that address aspects of child, adolescent, and school health from the perspective of health education, health promotion or the behavioral sciences. This fellowship also seeks to highlight the importance of community/school health partnerships for improved health outcomes among youth. Research and practice topics of interest include: HIV, other STDs, and teen pregnancy prevention, especially among youth at highest risk (youth of color, sexual minority youth, homeless/runaway youth, youth in juvenile justice facilities, etc.); school- and community-based issues affecting youth who are HIV positive; chronic disease prevention; and tobacco use/prevention.

Recipients of the award will receive the following:

- \$1,500 stipend to be distributed throughout the year (November 2009 – November 2010);
- fellowship award certificate;
- free student membership in national SOPHE for one year;
- complimentary registration at the SOPHE Annual Meeting (Denver, CO– 2010), and the opportunity to give an oral or poster presentation on the proposed project; and
- recognition in SOPHE's newsletter, *News & Views*, SOPHE's web site and related health education listservs.

Eligibility and Requirements:

- Applicants must be enrolled as a full time student in a masters or doctoral degree program in health education, health promotion, behavioral sciences, or a related field. Students are not required to be national SOPHE members at the time they apply.
- Students must submit the completed application form; a current resume or curriculum vitae; and a project proposal describing the rationale, intended purpose, process/methodology, and potential contribution or impact of the project in 800 words or less. In addition, applications should include one letter of recommendation (from an internship coordinator, preceptor, faculty member or other professional); and one letter of support from a designated faculty member who plans to work with the applicant on the proposed project and can verify that the student is following a course of study in one of the above mentioned disciplines. Letters should be sealed in envelopes with authors' signatures across the seal.
- Proposed projects in child, adolescent and school health education and promotion should address research or practice-based projects from the perspective of health education or the behavioral sciences. Proposed projects may be new or on-going, and the applicant must have the primary role in conducting the project.
- Recipients will be required to submit a brief, mid-year progress report by April 30, 2010.
- For their final project, recipients must prepare an oral or poster presentation for the SOPHE Annual Meeting, Denver – Nov 4-6, 2010; (poster presentations are assured, Poster and oral presentations are competitive and abstracts will need to be submitted to SOPHE for review). Recipients will also be encouraged to prepare a manuscript based on their work and submit it for publication in one of SOPHE's two journals, *Health Education and Behavior*, and *Health Promotion Practice*.

Review Criteria: Proposals will be reviewed by a SOPHE/CDC Child and Adolescent School Health Committee for their scientific and/or theoretical basis, originality, and potential contribution to health education's role in promoting Child, Adolescent and School Health. Projects may be related to surveillance, risk factor identification, intervention development, evaluation or dissemination. Projects related to the development or use of theory in child, adolescent and school health are also acceptable. Specific criteria include the following:

- Research proposals should include: problem identification and/or rationale for the project; theoretical or conceptual basis; population of interest; research design and methodology; plans for data collection and analysis; and contribution to knowledge in child, adolescent, and school health.
- Practice-based proposals should include: problem identification and/or rationale for the project; theoretical or conceptual basis or related findings from a needs assessment; population served; practice design; cultural competence of materials; plans for implementation, evaluation and dissemination; and intended contribution to the fields of child, adolescent, and school health.

Application Procedures: Send the completed application including resume/CV and project proposal); one letter of recommendation; and one letter of support to: Society for Public Health Education, Child, Adolescent, and School Health Fellowship, 10 G Street, NE, Suite 605, Washington, DC 20002. **All applications must be received by September 15** to qualify for consideration.

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