

Human Rights Fellowships

Summer 2010

\$3,500 STIPENDS!!!

The Midwest Coalition for Human Rights is offering the following six fellowships with member organizations

**ACLU of Michigan, Juvenile Life without Parole Initiative,
Ann Arbor, MI** (juvenile life without parole)

Open to Law Students (preferred), Upper-level Undergraduates and Graduate-level Students

The Advocates for Human Rights, Minneapolis, MN (human rights education)

Open to College Graduates, Graduate-level Students and Law Students

Center or Victims of Torture, Minneapolis, MN (human rights tactics)

Open to Upper-level Undergraduate, Graduate-level and Law Students

CU Citizens for Peace & Justice, Champaign-Urbana, IL (racial & economic justice)

Open to Upper-level Undergraduate, Graduate-level and Law Students

Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN (immigrant detention)

Open to Law Students, Law Graduates and Graduate-level Students

**Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest,
Lincoln, NE** (meatpacking workers rights)

Open to Graduate-level (preferred) and Upper-level Undergraduate Students

APPLY BY MARCH 3

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ANNOUNCING - 2010 Summer Human Rights Fellowships \$3,500 stipend offered

The Midwest Coalition for Human Rights (MCHR) is sponsoring six summer fellowships with its member organizations around the Midwest. Fellows will support joint issue work of the Coalition and will serve as significant partners in helping to push the Coalition's project-based agenda forward.

Positions are available at the following organizations:

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ACLU of Michigan, Juvenile Life without Parole Initiative (Ann Arbor, MI)

Project seeks energetic upper-level undergrad, grad or law (preferred) student to contribute in work to eliminate the juvenile life without parole sentence in Michigan. The JLWOP initiative is initiating litigation on behalf of juveniles and needs assistance with interviewing plaintiffs, conducting research and carrying out advocacy campaigns.

Duties may include:

- provision of contact and support with juveniles seeking assistance;
- organizing testimony for an Inter-American Commission petition hearing;
- organizing a model legislative hearing on juvenile life without parole;
- soliciting endorsing organizations;
- maintaining and growing database of allies and key advocates; and
- producing a video detailing the stories.

The Advocates for Human Rights (Minneapolis, MN)

The Advocates' Human Rights Education Program seeks an individual with at least an undergraduate degree to aid in development of a training manual and program entitled, *A Rights-Based Approach to Social Justice Work*. The program will help civil society organizations in the United States to incorporate

international human rights standards into their internal organizational processes and external advocacy.

Duties may include:

- researching resources for the manual;
- conducting interviews with case study organizations;
- scheduling and coordinating pilot trainings and possible co-facilitation; and
- revising the training and manual in response to evaluations from the pilot trainings.

Center for Victims of Torture (Minneapolis, MN)

The New Tactics in Human Rights Project of the Center seeks an upper-level undergrad, grad, or law student to add new and current successful human rights tactics to their online database, and to grow the audience within the Midwest Coalition for Human Rights.

Duties may include:

- researching, analyzing and writing about tactics and methods being used in the anti-torture movement – both in the U.S. and abroad; and
- engaging members of the Midwest Coalition for Human Rights to participate in peer-to-peer exchange through the New Tactics website.

CU Citizens for Peace & Justice (Champaign-Urbana, IL)

CUCPJ seeks an upper-level undergrad, grad, or law student to develop the organization's online presence and communication tools. Committed to exposing and remedying racial and class inequities, CUCPJ would benefit from a more cohesive online presence and communication plan. The fellow must have strong computer skills with demonstrated experience in website design, wikis, and online social networking tools. Additional experience with database systems (Access, FileMaker, MySQL) is a plus. Fellow expected to participate in CUCPJ's weekly Saturday meetings and other organizing activities.

Duties may include:

- developing a new website and establishment of a presence and activity on social networking sites and wikis;
- synthesizing existing organizational media with an opportunity to conduct original research;
- composing media in a variety of genres; and
- and fostering collaboration with grassroots organizations around the Midwest engaged in similar work

Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota (Saint Paul, MN)

ILCM seeks a law graduate, law or graduate-level student to serve as a summer legal assistant for the Minnesota Detention Project. The Project pairs attorneys from ILCM and other local immigrant services providers with detained immigrants to provide brief advice and representation. The fellow must have Spanish language skills and must be able to travel to local county detention centers.

Duties may include:

- helping with case assessment and representation, where appropriate; and
- inquiring about conditions in detention facilities and report to the appropriate channels on findings.

Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest (Lincoln, NE)

NE Appleseed seeks a graduate-level (preferred) or upper-level undergrad student to coordinate the Midwest Coalition's collaborative next steps in the meatpacking worker health and safety work. Fellow must have a vehicle and ability to travel. Bilingual Spanish-English is a plus, but not a requirement.

Duties may include:

- leading coalition efforts to create new multi-state line-speed research;
- coordinating coalition advocacy and education work to advance changes in state and federal safety policy; and
- exploring international human rights mechanisms to utilize in improving meatpacking safety.

Stipend: \$3,500 payable in two installments (midway and end of fellowship)

Time requirement: Full-time or near full-time hours for eight to ten weeks.

Application Procedure: Applicants should send the following materials via email to rhammer@MidwestHumanRights.org or via mail to:

Rochelle Hammer
Midwest Coalition for Human Rights
214 Social Sciences
267 19th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55455

- Cover letter, please indicate which fellowship(s) you are applying for
- Resume
- Transcripts (unofficial copies okay), none older than 10 years, please
- Writing sample, NO MORE than 2-3 pages (may be excerpts and must be unedited)
- Letter of recommendation

For questions, please contact:

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