



Apprenticeship Program Reference

Deadline _____
Site Address _____
Name of Applicant _____



NOTE TO REFERENCE

Public Allies selects promising young leaders and creates opportunities to strengthen their communities through a ten-month program of full-time, paid apprenticeships in nonprofit community-based organizations, leadership training and team service projects.

Please answer the following questions to help us understand more about the applicant. You may write a letter of support instead of completing the reference form if your letter answers these questions. Thank you for your assistance. Please type or print clearly. Please return to the address above by the deadline indicated.

NOTE TO APPLICANT

Please give this reference form to two of the three people listed on page three of your application. References may include current or former supervisors, teachers, coworkers, members of the clergy or other community leaders. Please do not include relatives or friends. Please write the deadline and the mailing address for the site you are applying to.

Date _____

Name of Reference _____

Address _____

Day Telephone Number _____ **E-mail Address** _____

1. What is your relationship to the applicant? How long have you known him or her? _____

2. Please describe the job or other responsibilities the applicant had when working with you. _____

7. In the Public Allies program, teamwork and the ability to work closely with people from very different backgrounds are central to the experience. How do you think that the applicant would handle a team situation throughout the ten-month period?

very low

1

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3

4

very high

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Unable to answer

8. Did the applicant ever have a problem with timeliness or punctuality? Was there ever a problem with professional etiquette?

very low

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very high

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Unable to answer

9. What do you think are the applicant's greatest strengths? _____

10. Public Allies provides training and support to our Allies throughout the program. In which areas do you believe the applicant will need the most support? _____

If you are a former employer, would you rehire the applicant? Yes No

Please return the form to the address at the top of page 1.

NEW LEADERSHIP FOR NEW TIMES

Public Allies' mission is to advance new leadership to strengthen communities, nonprofits and civic participation. We are changing the face and practice of leadership in communities across the country to meet the demands of changing times.

This commitment to inclusive, community-driven leadership has made us a premier pipeline for developing diverse young nonprofit and community leaders, and a nationally recognized source for effective leadership approaches that are right for our changing times.

OUR PROGRAM

Through our signature AmeriCorps program, we identify talented young adults from diverse and under-represented backgrounds who have a passion to make a difference, and we help them turn that passion into a viable career path. Our 10 month-long AmeriCorps program combines:

FULL-TIME PAID APPRENTICESHIPS IN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY:

- serve four days per week
- create, improve and expand services that address diverse issues, including youth development, education, public health, economic development and the environment
- earn a monthly stipend of \$1,300 to \$1,800
- receive healthcare, childcare, student loan deferment and a post-service education award of \$4,725

A RIGOROUS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CURRICULUM DELIVERED BY COMMUNITY LEADERS, PRACTITIONERS AND EDUCATORS, WHICH INCLUDES:

- intensive weekly skill training and leadership development seminars
- critical feedback, reflection, and personal coaching toward individual performance and professional goals
- community building and team projects with a diverse cohort of peers presentations of learning at the end of the year to demonstrate how one met the learning outcomes of the program

HISTORY

Public Allies was founded in 1992 by a diverse group of young nonprofit leaders and activists who believed there were many energetic, talented young people who wanted to become involved in tackling community and national issues. Recognized by the Bush and Clinton administrations as a model for national service, Public Allies has expanded across the nation, advancing over 2,000 alumni. Public Allies is an AmeriCorps Program.

For locations and information on our local programs, visit us at www.publicallies.org.