



## SABBATICAL FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

Applications must be postmarked by June 15, 2012

- Before applying, please be sure that you meet the criteria and can fulfill the requirements of the Fellowship Program.
- To be considered, you must submit a complete application.
- If you do not fill out the actual application form, be sure to follow its format and include all of the information requested.
- Don't worry about your writing skills. We're interested in what you have to say, not how well you say it.
- You may complete the application in a language other than English and we will get it translated, but it would be better for you to work directly with a translator.
- If you are very uncomfortable with writing, you may submit an audio recording of the Personal Statements portion of the application.
- You may send additional materials, such as brochures, newsletters, press clippings, etc., but please be selective. Materials you send will not be returned to you.
- Please do not place your application materials in a folder, plastic cover or binder.
- We do not accept applications by e-mail or fax.
- Be sure to keep a copy of your application so you can resend it in case it is not received.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Which address should we use?  work  home E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Race or ethnic group \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for an Alston Bannerman Fellowship before? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

If we make a list of applicants available to other progressive organizations may we include your name and address?  yes  no

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ENDORSEMENT:** Applicants must have the endorsement of the organization which employs them or with which they work most closely. To certify that you have obtained this endorsement, please complete the following statement:

My application is endorsed by (organization)\_\_\_\_\_. This can be confirmed by (name)\_\_\_\_\_, who is (title)\_\_\_\_\_ of the organization, and who can be reached at (area code and number)\_\_\_\_\_.

## INSTRUCTIONS

Please type your responses to the following sections of the application single-spaced on white paper.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVIST EXPERIENCE:** Start with your current position(s) and work backwards for AT LEAST 10 YEARS. For EACH position, please include the following:

- the organization's name and address, the dates you worked there and your position(s)
- a brief description of the organization's purpose, your role and accomplishments
- if your role is/was other than organizing, explain how your work has/had a direct and close connection to organizing, leadership development and democratic participation.

**PERSONAL STATEMENTS:** Answer each of the questions below. If you are very uncomfortable with writing, you may submit an audio recording. Please limit your PERSONAL STATEMENTS to a total of five typed pages or a total of 15 minutes.

**1. WHY DO YOU DO IT?**

What motivates you to be a community activist?

How does your work fit into your vision for social change?

**2. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?**

What do you consider your greatest success or contribution?

What have you done to sustain social change organizing for the long haul?

**3. WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?**

What are the major challenges facing your organization?

Facing the movement which you consider yourself part of?

**4. WHY DO YOU WANT A SABBATICAL?**

What do you need time off to think about or to do?

What difference will it make in your future work?

What do you hope to do in the next five years?

**REFERENCES:** List three people we may contact who know you and your work. Include: Name, Organization, Address, City, State, Zip, Work Phone and Home/Cell Phone. (We also strongly encourage you to get letters of recommendation from your references or from others, but it is not required. Letters may be sent with your application or directly to us. If sent separately, they must be postmarked by June 15th.

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

- Have you received any professional or civic awards or honors and any other community recognition?
- Have you ever had a sabbatical? If so, when?
- How did you hear of the Alston/Bannerman Fellowship Program?
- Is there anything else you'd like the Selection Committee to know in considering your application?

**SEND ONE COPY OF YOUR APPLICATION TO:**

Alston Bannerman Leadership Initiative  
1627 Lancaster Street  
Baltimore, MD 21231-3425

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*Receipt of your application will be acknowledged by E-mail or postcard. Contact us if you do not hear from us within two weeks of sending the application. Please do not contact us for other information on the status of your application. You will be notified by the end of August whether or not you were selected as a finalist. We cannot provide individual critiques of applications.*

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