

# 2023 Youth Civic Engagement Fellows Program

Title: Youth Civic Engagement Fellow Positions runs: August 7 - October 6, 2023 Part-time: Approximately 10 hours per/week for nine weeks Stipend: \$2,000 To apply: Submit a letter of interest and/or a resume to Kyla Kosednar at kyla@akcenter.org

The Alaska Center Education Fund (AKCEF) is seeking to hire 2-3 young Alaskans ages 18-30 as Youth Civic Engagement Fellows. Fellows provide non-partisan voter education and outreach for the 2023 Fairbanks Municipal Election. Additionally, Fellows may help educate the public about legislation dealing with voting and voting access during the current legislative session. Positions open until filled.

### **Position Overview**

The Alaska Center Education Fund seeks 2-3 passionate, socially confident, reliable young Alaskans to be advocates and champions for voter empowerment and education as Youth Civic Engagement Fellows. The Youth Civic Engagement (YCE) Fellows will work alongside staff, volunteers, and community partners to conduct non-partisan voter education for the Fairbanks Municipal Election. This temporary contract position will run from August 7 - October 3, 2023 and provides excellent career-building opportunities in voter and civic engagement. The Fellows Program starts on August 7 and ends on October 6 with possible flexibility. The stipend for this position is \$2,000.

#### **Organization Overview**

The Alaska Center Education Fund envisions a thriving, just, and sustainable Alaska for future generations. We engage and empower Alaskans to support clean air and water, a strong democracy, and an equitable transition from an extractive to a regenerative economy. Our issue priorities include advancing climate action, protecting salmon habitat, and amplifying Alaskan voices in the public process. We achieve our mission through youth education and leadership development, community organizing, and non-partisan voter engagement.

We are committed to supporting, centering, and working with Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, Working-Class and Low-Income people, Women, LGBTQIA2+ people, and Disabled people in addressing the many crises that impact us. We strongly encourage people with these identities or members of other marginalized communities to apply.

#### The Fellows Cohort will work together on these deliverables:

• Have one on one conversations to provide non-partisan voting information to voters over the phone and at their front doors; Phonebanking, door canvassing, tabling at events, and other outreach activities.



- With staff and partner organizations, co-host for 4-5 phone banking events to reach voters. Help recruit volunteers for these events.
- Help plan one door-knocking event in a low-voter turnout neighborhood in Fairbanks.
- Hand out non-partisan voting information at community events;
- Come up with unique ways to reach voters with different abilities and identities.

## Other Duties Include:

- Coordinate activities with other community organizational partners;
- Enter data into EveryAction/VAN and work with your supervisor to ensure quality and accuracy;
- Exercise diplomacy, as conversations will take place with Alaskans from all walks of life and political dispositions;
- Comply with all COVID-19 safety protocols outlined by the employer;

# This is an entry-level position, so no experience is necessary, but a strong candidate could:

- Have an interest or/experience with phone banking, working with the public, event planning, and volunteering;
- Have an interest and/or experience working in politics and civic engagement;
- Have excellent interpersonal skills;
- Be independent, accountable, and honest;
- Have experience working with technology and data entry;

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To apply, email a letter of interest and/or resume to Kyla Kosednar, kyla@akcenter.org . Please feel free to reach out with any questions.