

Advocates for Children and Youth (ACY): The Anne Riley Fellowship

Welcome! Thank you for your interest in a fellowship to allow you to work with us at ACY. To be eligible, applicants must be a student at an accredited Masters or doctoral educational program in Maryland with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher. One Riley fellow will be supported each year. (There may be opportunities for additional students to work at ACY.) Successful applicants are likely to have finished at least one year of graduate study focused on policy-relevant topics that affect children and families.

The paid fellowship begins the day after Labor Day in September and continues through the end of the year. Typical work commitment is 20 hours/week from September through late December. There may be an opportunity to continue working in January through early April in order to participate in the policy process when the Maryland State Legislature is in session. Funding for that period may be negotiated.

Fellows are linked with one or two policy teams and guided by the policy director. The work tasks and products typically involve review and analysis of policy issues that ACY is supporting in the General Assembly; and compilation and interpretation of data on the implementation of laws in the ACY priority areas. The priority areas are described and much background information is available on them on the ACY website (www.acy.org).

Fellows receive a \$2500 stipend, typically paid in one-third increments at the end of each month. Required travel can be reimbursed according to the IRS guidelines. No tuition or other expenses will be paid by the fellowship.

Required materials for application: An application form; your current transcript; vita/resume; a personal statement; and 2 letters of reference, one from your graduate school advisor and one from a professional who knows your work related to child/family social and/or health policy.

Please send your application and all required materials via email to fellowship@acy.org, by 5:00 pm on Friday, June 5, 2015. We will acknowledge that we have received your application. Letters of reference may be mailed to the attention of: Fellowship Administrator, One North Charles St., Ste. 2400, Baltimore, MD 21201.