

# alston THE bannerman LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

Csi CENTER FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION

## SABBATICAL APPLICATION

- **APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 13, 2010**
- Before applying, please be sure that you meet the criteria and can fulfill the requirements of the 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.
- Please do not place your application materials in a folder, plastic cover or binder.
- 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 have it translated, but it would be much better for you to work directly with a translator.
- If you are so uncomfortable with writing that it would prevent you from applying, you may complete the Personal Statements section of the application on a cassette tape or CD. Do not use a micro-cassette or video.
- You may send additional materials, such as brochures, newsletters, press clippings, etc., but please be selective and send only a small sampling. Materials you send will not be returned.
- We do not accept applications by e-mail or fax.

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?  yes  no 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

- Type your responses single-sided on white paper.
- Please be sure to put your name at the top of each page and number the pages.

## 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 connection to organizing, leadership development and democratic participation

## PERSONAL STATEMENTS:

Answer each of the questions below. If you are so uncomfortable with writing that it would prevent you from applying, you may complete this section on an audio cassette tape or CD (not a micro-cassette or video).

Please limit your PERSONAL STATEMENTS to a total of 5 typed pages or a total of 15 minutes on an audio tape.

### 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?

What are the major challenges in movement building?

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

Why do you need time off? What do you want to think about or 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, Cell/Home Phone, and E-mail. (We also strongly encourage you to get letters of recommendation from your references or from others, but it is not required. Letters should be mailed with your application.)

## 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 Board to know in considering your application?

Send one copy of your application to: **Alston Bannerman Leadership Initiative**  
**1627 Lancaster Street**  
**Baltimore, MD 21231-3425**

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