# 'Girls Making Change!' Fellowship Application

A program by State Representative Stephanie Chang and the Mary Turner Center for Advocacy

### **Program Purpose**

The goal of the "Girls Making Change" Fellowship is to encourage and inspire high school girls of color to run for public office. Through a series of leadership and skill building sessions, the Change Fellows will develop a better understanding of community and justice issues, as well as ways to civically engage to work for change.

The "Girls Making Change" fellowship will serve high school girls of color in House District 6 through a unique set of experiences: **social justice leadership training sessions**, **development of community action projects**, **learning through practice how a bill is developed to address a community problem**, **and shadowing of Michigan women of color elected officials**. The fellowship will provide an opportunity to increase social justice leadership skills, gain hands-on experience in community action and public policy, and learn how community change is made.

#### **Program Requisites**

Applicants must...

- Identify as female
- Identify as a person of color
- Currently in grade 11 or 12
- Live in District Six (applicants can verify they live in District Six by going to <a href="http://house.mi.gov/MHRPublic/">http://house.mi.gov/MHRPublic/</a>, clicking on Representatives, and inputting their home address. The District 6 Representative is Stephanie Chang)

#### **Program Schedule**

This is a 3-month, weekly community/political leadership program.

<u>Program sessions will be held on Saturdays from 9:30AM-3:00PM, with the exception of two Wednesday sessions (June 21st & July 19th), where fellows will shadow elected officials</u>. Saturday sessions will be held at the Mary Turner Center for Advocacy, located at 1927 Rosa Parks Blvd, Detroit, MI 48216. It is expected that Fellows attend all sessions. Program dates are as follows:

June 10th
June 17th
June 24th: Shadowing week\*
July 1st
July 8th
July 15th
July 22nd: Shadowing week\*
July 29th
August 5th

August 12th

\*Tentative

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### **Program Benefits**

Fellows will develop a wide array of leadership, confidence, and identity empowerment skills through bi-weekly workshops and shadowing women elected officials of color. Change Fellows will have the opportunity to craft a community action project that focuses on the change they will like to see in their community.

Additionally Fellows will receive a small stipend; the amount is dependent on available funding.

#### **Questions?**

For questions regarding the Girls Making Change Fellowship contact: Gabriela Santiago-Romero, Fellowship Program Coordinator at <a href="mailto:santiago-Romero@gmail.com">santiromero@gmail.com</a> You may also call the Mary Turner Center for Advocacy at 313-841-2240.

# **APPLICATIONS DUE May 15TH**

*Please mail your application to the following address:* 

Mary Turner Center for Advocacy 'Girls Making Change' Application 1927 Rosa Parks Blvd Detroit, MI 48216

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#### FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

Applications should be filled out neatly in black or blue ink pen. Applicants may also apply through an online form at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/girlsmakingchange">http://tinyurl.com/girlsmakingchange</a>. An applicant may also request a copy of the online application by emailing marnaoum@umich.edu.

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## **REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

**Short Response.** Respond to the following questions. You may print and attach your responses to this app

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1.	Why are you interested in this fellowship program? Reflecting on your life as a young woman of color, what was an experience that influenced you to apply?		
2.	What skills do you hope to learn during your time with 'Girls Making Change'?		
3.	What is a problem you see in your community that you hope to change?		
4.	Who is one of your female role models? What inspires you about her?		

5. This fellowship program is an incredible opportunity for girls looking to make a difference in their community, but it is limited. If picked to participate, do you agree to attend 9 out of the 10 sessions, and agree to be present on August 12th at our GMC Celebration?