



Community Scholars Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

- The Community Scholars program is open to both undergraduate and graduate students.
- While this program is for current students, we also have a new AmeriCorps VISTA program that might be an option for you. Please contact our office for additional information on this program.
- The summer program runs 10 weeks and is full-time.
- The start will be a bit of a rolling start, because each school lets out at different dates, however we are using the last week of May as the start for the scholars. They will then be with you for 10 weeks. We are also allowing for a bit of flexibility, in that a scholar who may want to start a little earlier and can only do 32 hours a week, may want to be with you for an additional week in order to fulfill the hours required. We can work this out on an individual basis.
- Students will be provided a stipend of \$3,000 for this 10-week program. Sponsors are responsible to provide this stipend to HCDNNJ at contract signing.
- The location and match will depend on which of our members (Sponsors) apply for a Scholar and which agency has a match for the type of position the Scholar is looking for. This is a statewide program, which will allow us the opportunity to try to place a scholar closer to home if possible.
- The Scholar will be matched with one of our members that works directly in their requested focus or discipline.

Examples:

If the Scholar is interested in Construction Management, we would assign them to one of our member agencies that is actively involved in building efforts. Or if the Scholar was more interested in finance or project management, they would be assigned to an organization currently involved in this phase of their project.

- Upon completion of their term with the Sponsor in August, the Network will host a luncheon to celebrate the accomplishments of the scholars. Each Sponsor/Host organization and their scholar will be asked to attend. We will have photos of the projects, and will be recognizing the impact the scholars have had in the field.

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