

First Voice Media Apprenticeship Program Application



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GROUP 44 APPLICATION DEADLINE-2018: FEBRUARY 23, 2018, 5PM

MANDATORY ORIENTATION-2018: MARCH 8, 2018, 7PM

NAME:

DATE OF BIRTH:

MAILING ADDRESS:

DATE OF APPLICATION:

GENDER:

PHONE (evening):

PHONE (cell):

EMAIL address:

Have you applied previously?

If so, when?

Do you regularly have access to email?

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS (Please number your answers on an attached sheet of paper):

- 1) Our values and mission are rooted in our responsibility to build the capacity of underrepresented communities to initiate grassroots social change. We seek to use our resources and our histories to build grassroots media that is an authentic expressions of our past, present, and future. Tell us how you feel connected to this mission and in what ways it intersects with your own goals?
- 2) First Voice is an intensive program for women and people of color. We come out of a rich history of affirmative action. Tell us what communities you identify with and why is it important for these communities to be heard.
- 3) One goal we are developing is to find solutions that empower communities to overcome cycles of poverty and heal through media based projects. We are looking for people who are adaptable, understanding, committed and willing to go the distance. Participants in this program will be building a foundation for the future and be mentors for new groups. Tell us why you should be considered for this program, what qualities do you have that can help us to move forward?
- 4) We are looking for people who are willing to work in a diverse group setting. Participants represent diverse cultural, age, social-economic, sexual orientation, political and ethnic backgrounds. Everyone walks through the door with life issues that they are dealing with. What issues will you be bringing in the door with you? What are your weaknesses and how do you plan on dealing with them so that you can function in this demanding program?
- 5) We are constantly building our program and updating our curriculum, meaning that parts of our program are “works in progress.” **Why do you want to be a part of building this?** Are you flexible in your approach to learning, problem solving and finding a solution?
- 6) Tell us about a major goal you have accomplished in your life and why that is important to you. What was the hardest part of completing that goal? How did you overcome any obstacles?
- 7) Are you currently employed? Describe a typical work week. Please include any other time commitments you have (school, community work, family responsibilities, etc.) **Be specific.** How will you accommodate the average 20-hour work load including the day shift at KPFA, night classes, special events, projects?
- 8) Do you have skills in the following areas: graphic design/web design/video/broadcasting/television/newspaper production or other media skills? If so explain.
- 9) How comfortable are you with computers? What computer skills do you have?
- 10) Are there any economic factors that may/might impact your ability to participate in the First Voice Media program and/or pay a normal supply fee of \$50?

Please choose one of the following topics and write a 250 word essay. Please attach your completed essay to the application.

- A) What role do journalists and media makers play in promoting social change?
- B) When the community tells their own stories what impact can this have on society?

Tell us specifically where you learned of First Voice Media Apprenticeship Program

REFERENCES:

Please give us the names & telephone numbers of **3 work/professional/school** references who can speak to your ability to complete the program and to your ability to work in a diverse group setting.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship</i>	<i>Contact</i>
1)	_____	_____
2)	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____

Thank you for your time. Your application will be reviewed and you will be expected to attend the mandatory orientation shortly. At the orientation you will be introduced to current apprentices and be scheduled for an informational interview. If you are accepted into the program, we will require your employer to sign an agreement that they support your participation in the training program and that they understand that you will be working one weekday at KPFA.