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Leadership for the
next generation of
politics starts here.

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2008 SUMMER FELLOW SHONTEL
HAMILTON HELPED SPEARHEAD
AN EFFORT TO EDUCATE
EX-FELONS ABOUT THEIR
VOTING RIGHTS AND VOTER
REGISTRATION OPTIONS.



**"The model for state
progressive youth activism."
Michael Connery,
Youth to Power, 2008**

PolitiCorps Is . . .

A national Fellowship for young progressives interested in a term of service for democracy. The ten week summer bootcamp is based in Portland, Oregon. PolitiCorp offers:

- A cleared path toward a career in the public interest: in campaigns, non-profits, community organizations, and for elected officials.
- Training in communications, community organizing, public policy analysis, networking, information systems, data management, fundraising, and project development.
- Round-table conversations with nationally known politicos, wonks, strategists, progressive change agents and pundits.
- The skills and habits needed to pursue progressive activism
- Mentored development of new ideas, project models, and campaign plans.
- Close friendships with some of the brightest, most dedicated young people in the country.

Important Dates

Application period 1
ends March 20th
50% of Fellows accepted.

Application period 2
ends June 1st
50% of Fellows accepted.

Summer Bootcamp
Mid-June to Late August
The bootcamp requires full participation, including evenings and weekends. For this year's dates, please visit politicorps.org.

Year of Service Fellowship
Sept 1st – Aug 21st
Professional placement, meetings and trainings throughout period.

What are we looking for?

PolitiCorps Fellows are college juniors, seniors, or recent graduates who have demonstrated commitment to progressive values and a deep interest in the political process.

PolitiCorps Fellows come from every state in the nation, and from a diverse range of experiential and cultural backgrounds. Extensive campaign experience is not a prerequisite for PolitiCorps—but an understanding of campaign lifestyle does help Fellows make the most of the summer bootcamp experience.

We are looking for leadership qualities:

1. Achievement, including scholastic success and compelling leadership experience.
2. Critical thinking, focusing on constant learners and people who can see multiple sides of a problem.
3. Demonstration of energy, ambition, creativity, sense of humor, and an ability to influence and motivate others.
4. Proactive leaders who do not take constraints as absolute limits.
5. Dedication to the advancement of progressive values, the public interest, and participatory democracy.





YEAR OF SERVICE FELLOW
CAROL DUONG NOW
SERVES AS A POLICY
FELLOW FOR PORTLAND'S
CITY COUNCIL.

YEAR OF SERVICE FELLOW
MOLLIE RUSKIN JOINED FOCUS
THE NATION AS A NATIONAL
ORGANIZER.

How to Apply

Step 1: Nomination online at politicorps.org. Anyone may nominate a candidate for the summer bootcamp.

Step 2: Online application, including the following:

- 1 page resume
- 1 page essay
- A 2-3 minute YouTube video
- Current college transcript
- 2 letters of recommendation, sent to admissions@politicorps.org



Step 3: Interviews with the PolitiCorps director and a former Fellow

Fellows will be admitted on a rolling basis in two batches. (Deadlines March 20th and June 1st). Applicants should expect a 4-6 week period from nomination through interview.

Interested in the Year of Service?

Year of Service Fellows will be selected from top participants in the PolitiCorps summer bootcamp.

SUMMER FELLOW KATHARINE RYAN HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AS A FIELD DIRECTOR AND CAMPAIGN MANAGER, AND IS NOW A LEGISLATIVE AIDE.

YEAR OF SERVICE FELLOW BRANDON PARKER MANAGED THE BUS PROJECT'S VOLUNTEER PHONEBANKS DURING THE 2008 ELECTION. HE ALSO STARRED AS THE MUMMY IN THE BUS'S TRICK OR VOTE VIDEO.



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