

2020 Fellows Program Frequently Asked Questions
A Joint Project of Pennsylvania United and Pennsylvania Stands Up

Why should I join the 2020 Fellows Program?

- Winning in 2020 requires a plan to organize people in every town in PA. Yet, over the past half century, progressive groups have divested from huge swaths of the state where we used to have a significant base of working people who held political influence.
- The 2020 Fellows Program is a volunteer, year-long program designed to provide the training, support, and tools for people to take responsibility for building power for working people across PA and winning the presidential election in PA. Fellows will register new voters, draw thousands of people who have been disconnected from politics into the political process, and build a strong community of people committed to revitalizing our democracy. Here's your chance to make a difference.
- It is a great opportunity to meet people doing the work you're doing all across the state and to learn from some of the best trainers and organizers in PA.

Am I a good fit for this program?

- The Fellows Program is designed for emerging grassroots leaders who are looking to step up and help change the course of history in 2020. Does this describe you? Then apply!
- Fellows will be a diverse group of leaders from across the state who are committed to encouraging people to make a long-term commitment to building power.
- The Fellows Program is for people who live anywhere in PA, but especially for people who live in small cities, towns, and rural areas where it is possible to build a multi-racial, working class movement.
- The Fellows Program is for all ages, but if you are under 18 we'll need you to complete a parental consent form.

What is the time commitment?

- 5 hours a week through the summer
- 10 hours a week in the fall
- Yes, this program does not stop when the election ends, because the work to build a long-term movement won't stop either!

What kind of support will we receive?

- Your fellowship will kick off with small-group in-person meetings.
- Fellows will receive weekly or every other week webinars to learn organizing skills and theory, as well as one on one and small group coaching
- You'll be part of a statewide group of people doing this work!
- We'll also have two in-person, day-long gatherings—one after the primary and one after the general election—to meet leaders from across the state and make longer term plans together

What if I'm not sure I can afford this program? Will there be financial support available?

- This is a volunteer program, but there is a support fund to ensure that no financial barrier will prevent you from participating. This fund will be able to cover the purchase of laptops or other technology, paying for childcare, or covering lost shifts at work based on the financial need of program participants.

Who are the trainers?

- A diverse and highly experienced team of people from across the state who are on staff at Pennsylvania United, Pennsylvania Stands Up, and partner organizations.