

## StandUp MD Summer Fellowship Opportunity

This summer StandUp MD will bring together its next cohort of passionate high school, college, and graduate school student leaders – training and educating them on canvassing, constituent outreach, and supporting the 2024 ballot referendum to include reproductive freedom in the Maryland State Constitution.

The StandUp MD Fellows program was developed and launched in 2022 by [Maryland State Delegate Sara Love \(D-16\)](#) in response to the Supreme Court's overturning of *Roe v Wade*. Modeled after - and run in conjunction with - Rep. Raskin's Democracy Summer, StandUp MD aims to educate and train the next generation of pro-choice leaders to StandUp for reproductive freedom through the political process.

### The Fellows will:

*Learn about Maryland politics and the interplay between state and federal law particularly as it relates to reproductive rights by:*

- Participating in the educational component of Representative Jamie Raskin's renowned [Democracy Summer](#) program. Previous Democracy Summer virtual curriculum included hearing from academic luminary Harvard Professor Alex Keyssar addressing the struggle for democracy and voting rights, voting rights lawyer Marc Elias speaking about how to understand and combat rampant voter suppression, elected officials such as former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the late John Lewis, and Elise Bryant, the Executive Director of the Labor Heritage Foundation, sharing insight into the major contributions of the labor movement to political, economic and cultural democracy.
- Engaging in exclusive StandUp MD courses featuring Maryland General Assembly leadership, as well as other state policy experts and advocates.

*Understand effective advocacy and outreach techniques by:*

- Joining Democracy Summer in their political organizing workshops
- Gaining real-world skills by canvassing throughout Legislative District 16 (Bethesda, and parts of Potomac & Chevy Chase) to hear what is on the minds of constituents and encourage them to vote in November for the reproductive rights referendum

### Program Details:

- StandUp MD will run from **06/17/24 - 07/26/24**
- Fellows commit to participating in two afternoons per week of **2 - 3 hours** each for virtual seminars, discussions, and workshops; canvassing 2 - 3 hours one day each weekend (usually Saturday) to knock District 16 doors in groups for Delegate Love and the ballot referendum, and attending one day in Annapolis.
- Fellows receive a \$250 stipend.

*To ensure a productive experience and facilitate effective discussion, enrollment is limited to a small number of participants. **The priority application deadline is May 20.** For more information and to apply go to [bit.ly/StandUpMD24](https://bit.ly/StandUpMD24)*