



STUDENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
Illinois JusticeCorps – Summer Program
THE CHICAGO BAR FOUNDATION



As part of a new AmeriCorps award from the Serve Illinois Commission, Illinois JusticeCorps is looking for student volunteers to become AmeriCorps Members for the Summer 2014 Program.

Illinois JusticeCorps is an innovative new program to enhance access to justice for the growing number of unrepresented people in the courts by empowering and training student volunteers to help people without lawyers with the court system. Student volunteers will help people with legal questions and problems and assist them in navigating the courthouse and getting connected to legal aid resources.

Volunteers should:

- Be outgoing with an extroverted personality
- Be willing to help strangers with problems
- Have a communication style that is clear and patient
- Be able to use active listening skills to understand what people need/want
- Be able to exhibit initiative in showing people how to solve problems
- Be responsible and dependable
- Have an interest in the legal and court system

The position requirements:

- 300-hour volunteer commitment will begin with Pre-Service Orientation on Friday, June 6, 2014.
- Members will work 35-40 hours a week, 8:00am to 4:30pm, at the Daley Center (50 W. Washington, Chicago, IL 60602) during June, July and August
- Attend all training sessions to learn the facts needed to give accurate information
- Be willing to work with people who are often stressed, anxious and sometimes challenging
- Conscientiously gather and submit data needed for reports
- Non-English Language proficiency a plus

Benefits:

- Participants will be AmeriCorps Members
- After completion of 300-hour commitment, volunteer will receive \$1175 Education Award for education expenses or loan repayment.
- Great professional skills development, work experience and professional references

How to apply:

- Send completed Illinois JusticeCorps Application and resume (if available) to Stacey Jonas Weiler at sweiler@chicagobar.org; Subject line: AmeriCorps Summer Program Application.