

Cesar E. Chavez Fellowship, sponsored by AmeriCorps VISTA.



Who we are?

The National Farm Worker Service Center (NFWSC) is a non-profit established by Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta, to address the social, economic and health needs of farm workers throughout the United States. Since 1983, the NFWSC has preserved and developed **quality affordable housing** for Latino and **underserved communities** throughout the Southwest., serving families throughout AZ, CA, NM and TX. The NFWSC services include: Housing and Economic Development (HED), educational radio, property management and community services. Within the last four years Community Services has established **Si Se Puede! Learning Centers** within our properties. Each center provides a safe, caring, fun and interactive environment that **encourages learning** and focuses on **literacy, math and technology**, through an **after-school and summer program**.



What is the fellowship all about?

A unique opportunity for **college graduates** to devote a year or two, to connecting with underprivileged and disenfranchised communities, and **operate/manage an after-school and summer program** for youth and teens who reside on our affordable housing properties. Through this experience fellows gain a vast and impressive skill set to carry with them into their post graduate plans. These skills include: curriculum planning, fund development experience, staff management, classroom management, program development, project and event planning, and learning more about how nonprofit organizations work. Our fellowship is sponsored by AmeriCorps* VISTA, therefore fellows receive a modest living allowance (between \$850-1000/month depending on location), medical benefits, student loan forbearance and **FREE housing** (through the NFWSC). Once they have completed their year of service, fellows receive either a \$1200 cash stipend or \$4,725 educational award that they can use toward future educational expenses, and also non- competitive status for one year while applying for federal government employment. Most importantly, fellows will have the opportunity to respond to the national call to service and use the skills they have learned during their undergraduate studies to help make a significant difference in the lives of others. For complete information on the fellowship, in addition to our fellowship video please visit our website at cecfellowship.org!

How can you help us?

Help us spread the word about this amazing opportunity, and continue the legacy of Cesar Chavez. We hope to do this by setting up a **videoconference information session** on campus where a NFWSC, Inc. representative will discuss the program in detail and answer student questions via the internet and webcam.

Interested? In order to facilitate this videoconference we will need: a space, computer, projector, audio, a staff member, and your assistance in publicizing. Please contact Jennifer Quick at 415.695.0449 or nfwscvistaleader@gmail.com if you are interested in assisting us with presenting this student opportunity. We will then follow up on scheduling a date and passing along information for distribution. Also, attached you can find an informative flyer outlining our fellowship as well as an internship opportunity that you can pass along to students or post within your office.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you!