Community Ambassador Scholarships
for
Peace Corps Prep Students
Spring Semester 2018

General Information
Students pursuing Peace Corps Prep in the Pavlis Honors College Learning Community are invited to apply for a Community Ambassador Scholarship.

The Community Ambassador Scholarship Program has two main goals:

■ Provide opportunities for students to volunteer in the local community in preparation for and after returning from Peace Corps together with a supportive community for reflection and accountability.

■ Develop meaningful relationships between Michigan Tech and community organizations in the Keweenaw for sustainable, long-term, mutually beneficial partnerships.

Students awarded a $1,000 Community Ambassador Scholarship commit to:

1. Being on campus the semester of the award.

2. Volunteering at least 50 hours with an approved community organization¹ during the semester in which the scholarship is given.

3. Attending an initial two hour training at the start of the semester

4. Attending one hour meetings with other Community Ambassadors twice a month. Students will be required to bring a log of volunteer hours to their meetings twice a month.

5. Writing a final report at the end of the semester.

We have been developing partnerships with the following local organizations: the Keweenaw Land Trust, Right Start UP, and Husky Food Access Network. Community Ambassadors are welcome to pursue volunteer opportunities in these organizations or develop relationships with new partners that are approved by Dr. Henquinet. Students do not need to know which organization they will volunteer with when they apply, but should indicate some interests and/or possible organizations when applying. Whenever possible, we will pair you with Returned Peace Corps Volunteers to volunteer together

¹ Examples of community organizations include but are not limited to: Non-profits or interest groups serving families, kids, the elderly, vulnerable groups, artists, general public, etc. or addressing a social issue such as environmental sustainability, local food systems, cross-cultural relations, community development, etc.; K-12 schools; or government agencies with a service mission.
and/or to develop a mentoring relationship during the semester you participate in Community Ambassadors.

You may participate in the Community Ambassadors Scholarship program at any point in your honors experience. With prior approval (using the appropriate honors college forms), you could use your volunteer work as an immersion or leadership and mentorship experience.

How to Apply

To apply to be a Community Ambassador (CA) for spring semester 2018, submit the following materials in a Word document to Kari Henquinet (kbhenqui@mtu.edu) no later than January 8, 2018:

1. Name

2. Contact information in Dec/Jan – provide both campus and home information (email, phone, address)

3. In about 250 words, write a statement about why you are interested in participating in the CA program. Include some reflection on what you can offer the program and some initial ideas about the kinds of volunteering you would like to do in the Houghton area and why.

4. Write a one or two sentence statement expressing that you are committed to abiding by the five requirements above (on p. 1), if accepted to the program.

5. Submit your resume (at least one page) that highlights your skills, experience, and education. Make it professional- it will be shared with community organizations.

Awards will be announced no later than January 12, 2018. Please direct any questions to Kari Henquinet (kbhenqui@mtu.edu).