

Community Ambassador Scholarships

Pavlis Honors College
Pathway Students Interested in Community Engagement
Fall Semester 2019

General Information

Pathway students in the Pavlis Honors College interested in gaining more experience in community engagement are invited to apply for a Community Ambassador Scholarship.

The Community Ambassador Scholarship Program has two main goals:

- Provide opportunities for students to serve in the local community 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 \$500 Community Ambassador Scholarship commit to:

1. Being on campus the semester of the award.
2. Volunteering at least 25 hours with an approved community organization¹ during the semester in which the scholarship is given.
3. Attending an initial 1-2 hour training at the start of the semester.
4. Attending one hour meetings with other Community Ambassadors twice a month.
5. Writing a final report and making a presentation at the end of the semester.

We have been developing partnerships with the following local organizations: the Keweenaw Land Trust, Right Start UP, Aspirus Keweenaw, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, K-12 Schools (STEM outreach, etc.), Husky Food Access Network, Western UP Food Systems Council, and the English Language Institute. Community Ambassadors are welcome to pursue volunteer opportunities in these organizations or develop relationships with new partners (for example, we'd love to build partnerships with Superior Watershed Partnership, Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative, Citizens' Climate Lobby local chapter, Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly, Dial Help, and more) that are approved by Dr. Henquinet. Students do not need to know which organization

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.

they will volunteer with when they apply, but should indicate some interests and/or possible organizations when applying.

You may participate in the Community Ambassadors Scholarship program at any point in your honors experience. You may participate more than one semester, although you need to apply each semester you intend to participate. With prior approval (using the appropriate honors college forms) and once you have completed HON 2150, you may use your community ambassador work as an immersion or leadership and mentorship experience. If an immersion experience, you must be sure to spend additional time so as to meet the minimum number of hours.

How to Apply

To apply to be a Community Ambassador (CA) for fall semester 2019, submit the following materials in a Word document to Kari Henquinet (kbhenqui@mtu.edu) no later than **April 15, 2019**:

1. Name
2. Contact information – provide both campus and summer information (email, phone, address)
3. In 200-300 words, write a short essay that explains why you would like to be a Community Ambassador. Make sure to address the following: What type of community work would you like to do through this program (give examples)? What do you hope to contribute to the local community? How do you hope to grow as a person and professional through this experience?
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 that highlights your skills, experience, and education. Make it professional- it will be shared with community organizations.

Please direct any questions to Kari Henquinet (kbhenqui@mtu.edu).