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#### Program Overview

The Empowerment Collective presents the Cultural Arts Preservation Fellowship Award, specifically designed to support individuals who have experienced or been affected by modern slavery. This fellowship, offering financial support ranging from \$5,000.00 to \$15,000.00 USD, is dedicated to exceptional people who aspire to preserve and celebrate their cultural arts. It aims to maintain connections to culture and heritage while integrating the understanding of modern slavery's hardships and the pursuit to end them.

#### Fellowship Purpose

This fellowship is centered on uplifting survivors through supporting their desires to preserve and share their cultural arts. It recognizes the importance of cultural arts as a means of expressing identity, resilience, and the journey towards healing and empowerment. The program enables survivors to become public speakers and advocates, using their unique artistic expressions to raise awareness about modern slavery.

#### Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicants must show a educated understanding of Empowerment Collectives Mission and Vision
2. Applicants need to identify a cultural heritage art that they would like to study and become an expert on.
3. The applicant must be a survivor of modern slavery. This includes individuals who have personally experienced any form of modern slavery, such as human trafficking, forced labor, debt bondage, or similar exploitative situations.
4. The applicant can be a person with lived experiences of modern slavery. This encompasses individuals who, while not directly subjected to modern slavery themselves, have close personal experiences related to it, such as family members or significant others who have been affected.
5. The applicant may also be a person who has had extensive hands-on experience working with survivors or people with lived experiences of modern slavery. This includes professionals, advocates, or volunteers who have dedicated significant time and effort in support roles, providing assistance, counseling, or other forms of direct aid to survivors.
6. Demonstrated willingness to develop and share innovative ideas to end modern slavery.



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#### Fellowship Benefits

- A grant ranging from \$5,000.00 to \$15,000.00 USD to support the development and sharing of their cultural arts.
- Access to mentorship, resources, and training to enhance their artistic skills and advocacy capabilities.
- Opportunities to collaborate with local artisans, participate in cultural events, and showcase their work.

#### Application Process

- Submission of an application form including the applicant's background, experiences, and a description of their cultural art form.
- A proposal for how they intend to use the fellowship to preserve and promote their cultural arts.
- References or endorsements from individuals, organizations, or communities familiar with the applicant's art and advocacy potential.

#### Selection Criteria

- The relevance and significance of the cultural art form to the applicant's heritage and community.
- Potential impact of the art form in raising awareness about modern slavery.
- The applicant's personal story, commitment to cultural preservation, and advocacy goals.

#### Program Commitments

- Active participation in mentorship and training programs offered by the Empowerment Collective.
- Development and execution of projects or initiatives that preserve and promote cultural arts.
- Engagement in public speaking and advocacy to share their story and cultural art as a tool against modern slavery.

#### Reporting and Accountability

- Regular updates on project progress and the impact of their cultural art initiatives.
- Participation in evaluations to assess the effectiveness of their work and the fellowship.

#### Empowerment Collective's Commitment

Through the Cultural Arts Preservation Fellowship Award, the Empowerment Collective aims to celebrate and keep alive vital cultural practices while empowering survivors. This initiative not only supports individual livelihoods but also contributes to broader community development, intertwining cultural heritage with the important mission of ending modern slavery.