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Program Overview

The Empowerment Collective is pleased to announce the Education and Awareness Fellowship Award, a program designed for individuals knowledgeable about modern slavery or those with lived experiences. This fellowship, offering financial support ranging from \$5,000.00 to \$15,000.00 USD, is dedicated to exceptional individuals committed to educating the public and raising awareness about modern slavery. The program seeks to empower these individuals to become influential public speakers and advocates.

Fellowship Purpose

The aim of the Education and Awareness Fellowship Award is to support the mission of individuals who are passionate about sharing knowledge and raising awareness of modern slavery. This program is part of the Empowerment Collective's efforts to foster a well-informed and proactive community, equipped to recognize and combat modern slavery.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicants must show an educated understanding of Empowerment Collective's Mission and Vision
2. Applicants need to identify a local area in their region that they would like to raise awareness publicly.
3. The applicant must be willing to speak out publicly at local events, schools and fundraisers about ending modern slavery.
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 education and awareness 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 execution of educational and awareness initiatives.
- Access to resources, mentorship, and training to enhance advocacy and public speaking skills.
- Opportunities to lead workshops, seminars, and engage in community outreach activities.

Application Process

- Submission of an application form detailing the applicant's background, experiences, and their approach to educating others about modern slavery.
- A proposal outlining the initiatives they plan to develop and implement using the fellowship funds.
- References or endorsements from individuals or organizations familiar with the applicant's advocacy and educational potential.

Selection Criteria

- The effectiveness and innovation of the proposed educational and awareness initiatives.
- The potential impact of these initiatives in raising awareness and combating modern slavery.
- The applicant's knowledge, passion, and commitment to the cause.

Program Commitments

- Active participation in mentorship and educational programs provided by the Empowerment Collective.
- Commitment to developing and implementing initiatives focused on education and awareness.
- Engagement in public speaking and advocacy efforts to spread knowledge and awareness about modern slavery.

Reporting and Accountability

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

Empowerment Collective's Commitment

Through the Education and Awareness Fellowship Award, the Empowerment Collective aims to enlighten and engage communities on the realities of modern slavery. By empowering knowledgeable and passionate individuals, this program contributes to building an informed, ethical, and proactive community, integral to the global fight against modern slavery.