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Program Overview

The Empowerment Collective introduces the Youth Visionary Fellowship Award, a unique opportunity designed to support and celebrate young individuals who have either survived or lived through modern slavery. This fellowship, offering an award ranging from \$5,000.00 to \$15,000.00 USD, seeks to uplift these exceptional youths and enable them to become innovative public speakers and advocates against modern slavery through their own visionary ideas.

Fellowship Purpose

The Youth Visionary Fellowship Award aims to encourage young survivors to dream again and think outside the box, developing ideas that can help raise awareness about modern slavery. This program is part of the Empowerment Collective's commitment to engaging and nurturing the next generation of leaders in the movement to end modern slavery.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicants must show a educated understanding of Empowerment Collectives Mission and Vision
2. Applicants should be young individuals (please define the age range, e.g., 12-25 years old).
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 implementation of the fellow's visionary ideas.
- Access to mentorship and resources to help refine and execute their ideas.
- Opportunities to share their initiatives and speak at public forums, advocating for the end of modern slavery.

Application Process

- Submission of an application form detailing the applicant's background, experiences with modern slavery, and their visionary idea.
- A proposal outlining how they plan to use the fellowship funds to develop and implement their idea.
- References or endorsements from individuals or organizations familiar with the applicant's potential and commitment.

Selection Criteria

- Originality and feasibility of the proposed visionary idea.
- Potential impact of the idea in raising awareness or contributing to the fight against modern slavery.
- The applicant's personal story, resilience, and commitment to the cause.

Program Commitments

- Active participation in mentorship and educational programs provided by the Empowerment Collective.
- Commitment to developing and implementing their visionary idea.
- Engagement in public speaking and advocacy efforts to share their story and idea.

Reporting and Accountability

- Regular updates on the progress of their visionary idea and its implementation.
- Participation in evaluations to assess the impact of their work and the effectiveness of the fellowship.

Empowerment Collective's Commitment

The Empowerment Collective is dedicated to providing a nurturing and empowering environment for young survivors and advocates. Through the Youth Visionary Fellowship Award, we aim to inspire and empower the next generation of leaders, equipping them with the tools and platform to create innovative solutions and advocate for a future free from modern slavery.