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Program Overview

The Empowerment Collective is proud to introduce the Survivor Leadership Fellowship Award, a prestigious grant designed to recognize and support exceptional individuals who have survived or lived through modern slavery. This fellowship, valued at \$15,000.00 USD, aims to uplift survivors and enable them to become influential public speakers and advocates committed to ending modern slavery.

Fellowship Purpose

The Survivor Leadership Fellowship Award is focused on empowering survivors with the tools, mentorship, and resources needed to lead impactful initiatives. The program is committed to harnessing the power of survivors' lived experiences to drive change, with a special focus on cultural arts, advocacy, and economic empowerment.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicants must show a educated understanding of Empowerment Collectives Mission and Vision
2. Demonstrate a commitment to becoming a public speaker and advocate to end modern slavery and a clear vision for how they will use the fellowship to help end modern slavery.
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 of \$15,000.00 USD to support the fellow's initiatives and personal development.
- Access to specialized mentorship from experienced leaders and advocates in the field.
- Opportunities to lead projects within the Empowerment Collective's Survivor Leadership Programs, focusing on cultural arts, advocacy, and economic empowerment.
- Networking opportunities with other survivors, and organizations working towards the eradication of modern slavery.

Application Process

- Submission of a detailed application form, outlining the applicant's background, experiences, and vision for their advocacy work.
- A proposal for a project or initiative they wish to lead or develop during the fellowship.
- References or endorsements from individuals or organizations familiar with the applicant's work and potential.

Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated resilience and strength in overcoming the challenges of modern slavery.
- A clear and compelling vision for their role as a public speaker and advocate.
- The potential for their proposed project or initiative to make a meaningful impact.

Program Commitments

- Active participation in mentorship and training programs provided by the Empowerment Collective.
- Commitment to developing and leading a project or initiative within the framework of the Survivor Leadership Programs.
- Engagement in public speaking and advocacy efforts to raise awareness and drive change.

Reporting and Accountability

- Regular updates on the progress of their projects and initiatives.
- 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 supportive and empowering environment for survivors to thrive. Through this fellowship, we aim to foster personal growth, community development, and sustainable change by highlighting the critical role of survivors' lived experiences in the global fight against modern slavery.