

# LEE Community Organizing Fellowship

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## **Build power and make change as a community organizer!**

Too often, political leaders implement education policy without ever listening to the communities that are most impacted by the inequities in our current system. Community organizers help end this cycle by working directly with parents, teachers, students and community members to understand what communities need and take collective action to make those changes happen.

At LEE, we believe that a strong foundation of community engagement is absolutely critical to achieving educational equity. That's why we invest in developing the leadership of member organizers.

## **What is the Community Organizing Fellowship?**

The Community Organizing Fellowship is a paid, full-time, four- to six-month opportunity (June-November 2018) to build power and make change with a high-impact community organizing network or organization at locations nationwide.

As a fellow, you'll gain hands-on experience that will prepare you to pursue future roles in organizing. You'll also work one on one with an experienced organizing coach, engage with peer fellows as a cohort, and participate in other professional development and networking opportunities.

Past host organizations have included Students for Education Reform, Green Dot Public Schools, the Industrial Areas Foundation, Innovate Public Schools, Union Capital and more.

**Nearly 80% of past fellows were hired by their host organizations at the end of their fellowship.**

[Read about Will Fuller's experience as a Community Organizing Fellow.](#)

## **Who should apply?**

This program is ideal for members who are

- Interested in making change through community organizing
- Recent TFA alumni, current corps members or individuals interested in a career change
- Committed to the principles of social justice
- Interested in pursuing or exploring a career in organizing

## **Stuck on your writing sample?**

Here are a few topics applicants have written about in the past:

- The need for community organizing
- Race and power
- Analysis of a community organizing effort (e.g. Parkland students, teacher strike)
- Ways to engage millennials in community organizing
- Your first interactions with or understanding of power