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translate knowledge  
to action?

The Fellows in Local Government program is looking for motivated and talented individuals with unique human service perspective to shape the work of Allegheny County's Department of Human Services (DHS), an agency hailed as a national model for innovative and effective government.

The Fellows program invites recent graduates of Bachelor's programs in a variety of human service related fields who also have past or current lived experience within a human service system to join the staff of DHS for one year with the hope of igniting a longer-term interest in a career in public service.

Fellows will apply their skills and perspective to real-world problems facing the Department and facing the individuals that DHS serves.



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## DHS is

responsible for providing and administering publicly funded human services to Allegheny County residents.

## DHS Principles

*All services will be:*

- High quality, comprehensive and accessible.
- Individualized and designed to be respectful of the unique cultural characteristics of each individual and/ or community.
- Integrated and offered through a team approach that recognizes the capacity of individuals and families to identify their own strengths, needs and goals; create relationships and natural supports; and take steps necessary to accomplish these goals.

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## Fellows in Local Government

*Creating opportunity  
for the next generation  
of leaders.*

Insight  
Scholarship  
Action



## Overview

The Fellows in Local Government program is designed to create a pathway for motivated and talented individuals who have past or current lived experience within a human service system to contribute to and shape the work of the Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS).

Eligible applicants include recent graduates of bachelor's level programs in social work, sociology, political science, economics, policy studies, pre-law, business, communications, information technology, accounting, statistics and a variety of other related fields.

The selected candidate has the opportunity to join the DHS for a one-year appointment to work on a variety of projects in a DHS program and/or support office. Additionally, the Fellow has access to unique opportunities to meet with DHS staff, foundation executives, and nonprofit and private sector leaders, as well as to participate in educational and professional development opportunities.

## Eligibility

Eligible candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Completion of a bachelor's degree within 18 months of application;
- Past or current lived experience within a human service system;
- Ability to pass Act 33 and 34 clearances; and
- Willingness to move to the Pittsburgh region by the summer of their Fellows year.

Questions?  
[fellows@alleghenycounty.us](mailto:fellows@alleghenycounty.us)

## Application Process

To be considered for the Fellows program, applicants must provide:

- A fully completed application form;
- A resume;
- Two (2) completed application essays, as outlined in the Fellows application form;
- Two letters of recommendation: one from an academic setting and one from outside an academic setting such as an employer, community member mentor, etc.
- Official transcript from every post-secondary educational institution attended.

Applicants who pass an initial application review will be invited to participate in an interview process. For more information on the application process, including the application form and application deadline date, visit [www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Careers/Fellows-in-Local-Government.aspx](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Careers/Fellows-in-Local-Government.aspx)

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