



Commission on National
and Community Service



Organization: Journey's End Refugee Services

Fellowship: Equal Justice Works New York State Family Security Project

Based at Journey's End Refugee Services

Journey's End Refugee Services is hosting a one-year fellowship sponsored by Equal Justice Works designed to foster family security and community education through the provision of immigration legal services. The attorney selected for the Fellowship will be housed at Journey's End's local office in Buffalo, New York. Per Equal Justice Works/AmeriCorps guidelines, the fellowship must begin no later than February 16, 2018 and last for one year.

Fellowship Description: The Equal Justice Works New York State Family Security Project Legal Fellow will:

- Represent clients in immigration court and before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
- Provide screening and intake
- Prepare immigration applications
- Provide brief legal advice and legal aid
- Educate the community on the impact of evolving immigration law and policy
- Engage pro bono attorneys to provide legal assistance to immigrants and their families
- Assist in a weekly immigration Walk-in Clinic
- Position is a one-year Fellowship, with a possible one-year extension contingent upon continued AmeriCorps funding.

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate will have the following:

- The ability to undergo and pass AmeriCorps-mandated criminal background checks (only conviction for murder and/or presence on sex offender registry are automatic bars to service; other criminal convictions are allowable pursuant to Equal Justice Works review and approval)
- A demonstrated commitment to public interest work and strong desire to assist indigent clients
- Strong writing, communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills
- The ability work collaboratively in a variety of contexts
- Law school clinic, externship, summer or other relevant practice experience a plus

- The ability to begin the fellowship no later than February 16, 2018.
- Those with experience in regards to immigration issues strongly encouraged to apply
- Willingness to attend a mandatory substantive immigration law training in New York City in February 2018, as well as the mandatory Equal Justice Works Leadership Development Training in Washington, DC in October 2018 (Note that travel costs for these trainings will be covered by Equal Justice Works)

Salary:

The Fellow will receive annual living allowance, as well as financial support for housing, student loan repayment, and other permissible reimbursable living expenses. Additionally, Fellows receive an education award, health insurance, and other benefits. Interested applicants should contact Journey's End with any follow up questions.

Other Benefits Provided by Journey's End:

- Health insurance plan
- Parking provided
- Position related travel reimbursement and bar dues provided
- Opportunities to participate in national substantive training on immigration law legal issues and in a variety of local and regional skills based and substantive trainings

Other Benefits and Professional Opportunities offered by AmeriCorps:

- Student loan forbearance and interest accrual payment upon successful completion of service
- Opportunity to attend national trainings focused on leadership, networking, and project development sponsored by Equal Justice Works
- Childcare assistance (if income eligible)

Journey's End is a §501(c)(3) not-for-profit refugee resettlement agency in Buffalo, New York. We are a community-based organization with the mission of providing refugees with the resources and support they need to become successful, active and contributing members of the Western New York Community. The Immigration Legal Services (ILS) Program offers many services to refugees and low-income immigrants, including immigration representation on matters before U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services and Buffalo Immigration Court – including but not limited to asylum and withholding of removal, adjustment of status, naturalization, family reunification, Deferred Action for childhood Arrivals (DACA), temporary protected status, employment authorization, and removal defense.

Application Instructions:

Interested candidates should email a cover letter and resume to Sarah Bertozzi at sbertozzi@jersbuffalo.org. Applications will be reviewed as they are submitted. The Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Fellow is scheduled to begin the term of service no later than February 16, 2018.

Journey's End is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age, disability or veteran status.

Application Deadline: Candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.