



2017 ALBERT W. BLACK UNDERGRADUATE
COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER/INTERNSHIP AWARD

Award Purpose

This is a merit-based award for undergraduate Sociology majors who volunteer with Puget Sound area community service organizations that work with or provide support for disadvantaged populations. This award acknowledges the positive role of volunteerism on the local community. Volunteer work for which a student DOES NOT receive financial or academic compensation is the strongest demonstration of a candidate's commitment to their community and is consistent with the spirit of Dr. Black's own community work and civic service. The 2017 award amount is \$1,000.

Background

Albert W. Black, Jr. (B.S., University of Michigan, 1963; M.A., Wayne State University, 1968; Ph.D., University of California at Berkeley, 1976) is an Emeritus Principal Lecturer in the Department of Sociology. His areas of interest are the sociology of religion and race relations. Dr. Black is a past president of the National Association of Black Sociologists and the recipient of a Distinguished Teaching Award from the University of Washington. He has been an instructor in the Bridge Program, which aids in transitioning freshman student athletes into university academic culture.

Al Black is a highly respected leader and role model in the local community. His legendary commitment to community service, in particular his work with gang members, gained him the Central Area Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Community Service Award in 1996. As a founding member and Chair of the Franklin Fathers Group, he has led interventions into local schools with other mostly African American men, and challenged the at-risk students with a message of zero tolerance for the disruption of the learning process. He has been invited into numerous school and civic environments as mentor, educator, leader and parent.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS

Requirements

- Senior Status (graduating in the 2016-2017 academic year)
- Position as a volunteer or uncompensated intern with a local community service organization or an organization working with disadvantaged populations within the previous 12 months.
- Students may use experiences that began or culminated as a Service Learning/Internship component in Sociology coursework (e.g. SOC 292 or SOC 402) as long as they also demonstrate substantial additional volunteer or uncompensated internship work with the agency/service organization.

Please submit the following materials to Sociology Advising, Savery Hall 203

1. Cover page with the following information:
 - a) Name and student number
 - b) UW email Address
 - c) Phone
 - d) Internship Location/Title of Project
 - e) Names and affiliations of your letter writers (see item 5 below)
2. Narrative (maximum of 2 pages)
 - a) Describe your volunteer/internship experience in detail; your responsibilities, the social service organization with which you are working, and the outcome and impact of your work.
 - b) Describe how your internship experience is connected to Sociology.
 - c) Describe other relevant accomplishments that you feel make you a strong candidate for this award.
3. A copy of your UW transcript
4. A high resolution photo of yourself in jpg format

5. At least three (3) letters of recommendation:

- one from a faculty member in the Department of Sociology
- one from your supervisor/mentor at the social service organization where your volunteer position or uncompensated internship is based
- one from a person of your choosing.

IMPORTANT: please ask your recommenders to email their letters – on official letterhead if available – directly to me (susanna@uw.edu) by the May 26th deadline.

Please email the first four (4) items – SINGLE SIDED PLEASE - to Susanna Hansson (susanna@uw.edu) in the Sociology Advising Office by 5:00p.m. on Friday May 26th, 2017. NOTE: this is Friday of Memorial Day weekend.

With the exception of letters of recommendation, your file should be complete by: Friday May 26th, 2017 @ 5:00p.m.

Review Process

The Department's Undergraduate Program Committee will review all candidate files and recommend an award recipient to the Department Chair. The award will be presented at the Department's annual Cap & Gown Graduation Celebration in Meany Hall on the UW campus on Wednesday evening June 7th, 2017.