

Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools® Program 2015 Ella Baker Trainer Application Short Essays



Please provide short responses to the questions below. Responses should be no more than 400 words each. The selection committee is looking for writing ability and thoroughness of content. Responses should be typed and double spaced.

Experience/Background/Understanding

1. Describe your understanding of the five essential components of the CDF Freedom Schools program (High Quality Academic Enrichment, Intergenerational Servant Leadership Development, Civic Engagement and Social Action, Parent and Family Involvement, and Health, Mental Health, and Nutrition)
2. How has the Children's Defense Fund/CDF Freedom Schools impacted your life?

Commitment/Dedication

3. Why do you want to dedicate your time to serving in the CDF Freedom Schools program as an Ella Baker Trainer?
4. Describe your work experiences and how you think they have prepared you for Ella Baker Trainer position

Knowledge/Ability

5. Describe your work style as an individual and with a group. How have these styles been effective or ineffective for you in previous roles? Explain.
6. What is your strongest skill set? How have you worked to strengthen this skill set? How do you see this skill set as an asset to this position and the overall summer program?

Enthusiasm/Contribution

7. What excites you about this position? Is there any apprehension about the position? Explain.
8. How do you hope to translate your excitement and energy within the CDF Freedom Schools program model?

Servant Leadership

9. Beyond the outlined job description, how do you see yourself as a servant leader in the CDF Freedom Schools program and the larger community?
10. Describe your strategy in "getting the job done" with integrity, respect and accountability?

Impact and Change

11. What are your ideas on how does learning transfer into one's home and community? Share ideas and methods you have implemented at your CDF Freedom Schools site, in your community, etc.
12. What is the expected impact you are committed to while serving in this position? How is it connected to the larger impact you hope to see through the program model?

Closing Questions

13. What things have not been captured throughout the application process that you would like to share with the selection committee to aid in their decision?