

Program Structure

Selection Process

- The selection process includes an application to ensure that explorers are appropriately informed about participation requirements and possess the skills and desire to work with youth
- Applications will be accepted through April 19, 2022
- Applicants will be screened by The Journey staff and program partners who will announce Fellow Selection by April 29, 2022
- Fellows who are accepted into the program are expected to fully participate in all scheduled events

2022 Program Dates

1. May 21-22: 2-Day Kick-Off Retreat (1 overnight) held in Central IN
2. May-November: Professional Development Plan and 6 meetings with Explorer Team & Guide
3. November 5-6: 2-Day Celebration Retreat (1 overnight) held in Central IN

Program Commitment

- Attend 2 Journey Retreats
- Attend 6 Explorer Team Meetings - each team will schedule their own meetings
- Complete your Professional Development Plan - which we will work with you to create and financially support

Special Covid-19 Note for 2021+

Although current plans are to hold retreats "in-person" we are committed to making program modifications as we go in order to prioritize fellows' health and safety. This may result in a hybrid model of virtual and in-person programming.

Who Are Journey Explorers?

- College Students, from any year and major, who are interested in careers in the field of youth work.
- Part-Time Youth Workers who are engaged in the field and thinking about making youth work a full-time job.
- Volunteers to Youth Serving Organizations - ready to make a commitment to grow in the field

If you fit the description of a Journey Explorer, or work with a population who fits that description and would like to learn more, please contact:

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Exploration in the Field of Youth Work for Part-time Staff, Volunteers and Students

2022

Journey Fellowship for Explorers in Youth Work



Accepting Applications through April 19, 2022





About the Program

The Journey Fellowship for Explorers in Youth Work is a comprehensive program offering personal grounding and professional immersion experiences, education and credentialing opportunities to those exploring careers working with youth.

Explorers will join a team and with the support of a guide and Journey Staff, work to develop a Professional Development Plan that *may* include:

- Obtaining a Child & Youth Care Credential
- Youth Work Education through the Foundations Course
- Paid Internships
- Trainings & Classes
- Creation of a Professional Portfolio
- Mentorship & Coaching

Through a grant from the Lilly Endowment, The Journey helps students develop a meaningful career path based on their unique gifts and passion.

The program is designed to provide time, space and resources for Fellows to:

- better ground themselves in who they are;
- connect with other explorers who share similar career interests; and
- be inspired to consider what they can do to positively impact the lives of young people.

Unique Opportunities for Fellows

- **Attend** 2 in-person overnight retreats focused on grounding and self awareness; exploring career possibilities; and engaging in community-based youth work
- **Experience** quiet moments for self-reflection on values, passions, interests, hopes and dreams
- **Develop** a personalized Professional Development Plan
- **Receive** career and professional development guidance from a mentor
- **Apply** classroom learning to meaningful youth-serving programs
- **Learn** about the job opportunities within the field of youth development
- **Engage** with the larger Journey Fellowship community of Professional Youth Workers

Interested in The Journey Fellowship for Explorers?

Visit: www.thejourneyonline.org

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Fellow Reflections

"The Journey has prepared me for the future by allowing me to collaborate with other similar-minded individuals who want to go in the same field of work and allowing us to explore various options for our futures."

Fellow, 2021



"The Journey has given me an abundance of connections, information, and support in order for me to thrive in my future as a youth worker."

Fellow, 2021

"This Fellowship provided me an opportunity to explore work in my field(s) of interest in a manner that was actually accessible for me."

Fellow, 2021



"The most impactful part of The Journey for me has been the community of fellows that are readily available to help and provide resources."

Fellow, 2021