

## Ethnic and Community Press fellowship – Developing an Education Beat

### *Call for Applications!*

July 8, 2008

Dear Publisher or Editor:

The New York Community Media Alliance is open for applications for the 2008-2009 Fellowship Program. This year, the 10-month long program will focus on the public education system in New York City and the successes and failures of its reforms and initiatives; it will look at how the system works, and the rights of students and parents to advocate for a better education. By promoting critical thinking around these issues, the communities served by your newspaper will be better informed and empowered to take a more active role in the children's education.

We request that you select the strongest reporter or editor at your publication to compete for participation in this Program. Each publication should limit applications to two. Each applicant should send three clips, translated into English, and a 400-word essay of why he or she wishes to be a Fellow. After the announcement of the Fellowship winners, the "Publisher's Letter of Agreement," signed by the publication's publisher or editor, and the "Terms of Agreement," signed by the applicant should be mailed or faxed promptly to NYCMA offices.

A \$6,000 scholarship will be awarded to each Fellow who is in compliance with the "Terms of Agreement," paid out in 10 installments during the length of the Program, from September 2008 to June 2009.

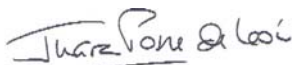
**All applications are due August 8, 2008. Winners will be announced by August 22, 2008.**

**The Fellowship is open only to active members of NYCMA.** If you are uncertain of your publication's membership status, or if you have questions about the Program, please call our office and ask for Ka Chan, Editorial Coordinator, at 212 279-1442, ext.302.

Please send all application materials to: **NY Community Media Alliance**  
**115 West 29th Street, #606**  
**New York, NY 10001**  
**Fax 212 239-8571**

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Sincerely,



Juana Ponce de León  
Executive Director

**NYCMA ETHNIC and COMMUNITY PRESS  
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM – Developing an Education Beat**

**Participating Publication Agreement - August 2008**

\_\_\_\_\_ acknowledges that we will fully transmit payment of the NYCMA fellowship on a monthly basis to \_\_\_\_\_ without reducing his/her wages from our publication. We will transmit the fellowship for 10 months beginning September 2008 and ending June 2009.

We understand that NYCMA will revoke the fellowship if the sponsoring publication uses the fellowship to compensate the fellow and reduces the fellow's regular pay during this period.

Finally, we acknowledge that the NYCMA's responsibility to or for the fellow does not extend beyond payment of his/her stipend under the terms of this agreement. We relieve the NYCMA of all liability for any and all workplace claims that may arise.

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Publication Representative

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Executive Director, NYCMA

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Date

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**New York Community Media Alliance  
Fellowship Participation Agreement  
July 2008**

**Description of Fellowship**

NYCMA's Ethnic and Community Press Fellowship – Developing an Education Beat (“the Fellowship”) promotes reporting on public education issues of importance to immigrants and communities of color in New York City, by offering journalists a \$6,000 fellowship for a period of 10 months. Fellows are expected to write about education and school issues of public interest and to participate in two monthly meetings that will enhance their reporting and that of the other fellows.

**Terms of Participation**

NYCMA has selected \_\_\_\_\_ for a ten-month fellowship beginning September 12, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009. During this period, the Fellow will produce six major articles for publication on public education issues of interest to immigrants in New York; attend an orientation Friday, September 12, 2008; attend monthly seminars to discuss reporting projects with other fellows, participate in monthly training sessions on key issue and reporting areas, and write one “briefing paper” providing background and sources on a key issue to be shared with other NYCMA journalists. The Fellowship will pay the Fellow \$600 a month for 10 months. Payment is contingent on attendance of an orientation September 12, 2008, the receipt of major articles written under the program's auspices, to be sent to New York Community Media Alliance's office by the fourth Monday of each month, receipt of the briefing paper, and regular attendance of monthly meetings (September through June, skipping December).

The Fellowship may publish the articles on the NYCMA web site and provide links to the publications in which they appear. They may also be used in promotional activities for the Fellowship and may appear in foundation reports, a collected volume, or articles highlighting fellows' works.

If the Fellow republishes any story, he or she agrees to include a tagline indicating that the work was produced under NYCMA's Ethnic and Community Media Press Fellowship – Developing an Education Beat.

The Fellow also confirms that any story he or she produces under the Fellowship will not contain matter that can be construed as libelous or as infringing in any way the copyright of another party. S/he further agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless NYCMA

and its members against all suits, proceedings or claims that may be taken on the grounds that said article(s) is (are) in such violation.

The Fellow agrees to attend, at the request of program staff, special events and conferences sponsored by the Fellowship to present reports on his work to date.

NYCMA’s Ethnic and Community Press Fellowship reserves the right to revoke this fellowship offer at any time and demand the return of some or all funds should the Fellow violate the terms of this agreement. This offer may also be revoked under any of the following circumstances:

1. The Fellow misrepresented himself in applying for the Fellowship.
2. The Fellow misrepresents the Fellowship or the work he is doing under the Fellowship to individuals and organizations outside the program.
3. The Fellow fails to respond in a timely manner to communication from Program staff or editors.
4. A Fellowship staff member or member editor refuses to work with the Fellow based on the latter’s inability to work in a collegial manner.
5. The Fellow jeopardizes the existence or integrity of the Fellowship as a result of his words or actions.

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Juana Ponce de León,  
Executive Director, NYCMA

Date

Please sign and mail or Fax this form to NYCMA if an applicant from your publication has been awarded a Fellowship. NYCMA will return a signed copy for your records.

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