New HRC Program Will Train Young Leaders in HIV Advocacy

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Attention young advocates: A new fellowship program will train young adult leaders in the skills needed to fight the HIV epidemic, and it's accepting applications starting February 1.

Launched by the educational arm of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) and funded with help from the Elton John AIDS Foundation, the new program is called HIV 360°. The fellowship program aims to help communities most affected by HIV, including gay and bisexual men, transgender women, young people, communities of color, and people living in the Southern United States.

For nine months, the program will train young professionals and leaders in skills needed to manage nonprofits, implement programs, write grants, raise funds and excel at capacity-building.

According to the HIV 360° website, the program will accept applications from February 1 to March 4.

To be eligible, you must be younger than 35 and have a leadership role in community-based organizations or initiatives that focus on communities most affected by HIV. You can nominate yourself or someone in your community. About eight to 10 fellowships will be awarded; they'll be announced in April.

"We all must act with renewed urgency to combat this epidemic and invest in emerging leaders on the frontlines of the most impacted communities," said Mary Beth Maxwell, HRC senior vice president for programs, research and training, in an HRC press release. "Young leaders bring with them the creativity, passion and ingenuity that is necessary to help the most underserved and vulnerable communities. This program will help support these advocates critical to ending the HIV epidemic."

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