

Hester Shultz Fellowship

Hester Graham Shultz was known for her determined attitude in the face of adversity, her devotion to her family, and for her more than two decades of dedication to the City of Indianapolis as a civil servant. Hester was a pioneer for working women as well as an early champion of anti-tobacco initiatives that led to Indiana's adoption of smoke-free laws. Her focus was on advocacy.

The spirit of this Fellowship is to further develop individuals who will continue to be an inspiration to others and contribute to the vibrancy of Indiana communities through social norm and policy change that improve quality of life. The expectation is that Fellows in this program understand how the act of advocacy, which includes social change, policy change, systems change, and/or active support, impacts Indiana citizens and communities.

The Fellowship is offered through a competitive application process available to a graduate level student to participate in the [24th Annual Society for Public Health Education \(SOPHE\) Advocacy Summit](#), October 21-24, 2022, and complete a health advocacy project following the summit to apply skills learned.

The Fellowship would be available for up to two individuals each year.

The award would provide for registration and travel expenses to the 24th Annual SOPHE's Advocacy Summit. This year's summit theme is "Youth Health Equity: Forging the Path for an Inclusive Future." Applicants are being sought from graduate level students from Indiana schools in the area of political science, health, public health, law, communications, environmental affairs, social work and business. Screened applicants will be required to participate in an interview with the Fellowship Committee.

Deadline: August 24th, 2022

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Application Requirements

1. Commit to participate in the 24th Annual SOPHE's Advocacy Summit
2. Provide a CV/Resume
3. Submit a personal Essay. Each essay should be no more than 500 words and include the following:
 - Your background. Let us know who you are, where you came from and how you got to where you are today.
 - Please describe the root of your interest in health and the reasons why you want to participate in the Fellowship program. Include a description of the skills and information which you hope to acquire during the Fellowship and how you will put them to work today and in the future.
 - Fellows will be required to complete an **advocacy-related** project during their year of Fellowship. Include your definition of advocacy and relate that definition to one project idea/description that you can envision accomplishing in your one-year Fellowship. Focus on an Indiana community or statewide.
 - Describe how you will share information gained through this Fellowship with members of your school's program.
 - Indicate your willingness to share your experience with the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Division and the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) Healthy Hoosiers Foundation Board.
4. Provide an unofficial transcript from current academic institution.
5. Submit a letter of recommendation from an individual qualified to comment on your skills and merit for the Fellowship.
6. Participate in a brief, virtual interview with the Fellowship Committee.

Questions?

Please contact mspitznagle@isdh.in.gov.

Please email a copy of your full application with supporting documents to mspitznagle@isdh.in.gov by **August 24th, 2022**

Fellowship Committee intends to notify Fellowship recipients by **September 12, 2022**.