

The Villers Fellowship for Health Care Justice was created in 2005 by Philippe Villers, Founder and President of Families USA, to inspire and develop the next generation of health care justice leaders. The goal of the Villers Fellowship Program is three-fold:

1. To develop a network of young leaders who share a passion for social and health care justice;
2. To inspire Villers Fellows to continue to work for health care justice throughout their lives; and
3. To help achieve Families USA's goal of guaranteed, high-quality, affordable health care for all of us.

During their year-long tenure, Villers Fellows will work on a variety of health care justice issues and develop an understanding of the federal legislation process. They will also be exposed to different advocacy strategies, including producing analytic reports, disseminating effective messages through the media, successful coalition building, and e-advocacy techniques.

Philippe Villers is the co-founder of Families USA. In 1981, he and his wife co-founded the organization (initially called The Villers Foundation). He has served as its president and as a member of the board of directors since its inception. He is deeply committed to the organization's mission of achieving universal access to high-quality, affordable health care for all Americans.

Mr. Villers is president and on the board of GrainPro, Inc. He also serves on the ACLU President's Committee, on Amnesty International USA's Executive Directors Council, and on the boards of United Villages and the Institute for Global Leadership at Tufts University. He was a founder of Computervision Corporation (a Fortune 500 company for many years); Automatix, Inc.; and Cognition, Inc.; and has been a guiding force in innovative and successful high-tech corporations for more than 25 years. Mr. Villers holds an AB with honors from Harvard and an MS in mechanical engineering from M.I.T.

FELLOWSHIP DESCRIPTION

The Villers Fellow works as a full-time policy analyst in Families USA's Health Policy Department. The fellowship is based in the Families USA office in Washington, D.C., and is designed to provide the fellow with a national perspective on health care justice work and the opportunity to learn about a range of health care justice issues. The fellow's principal responsibilities include conducting primary and secondary research on a range of health care issues and health reform topics—such as Medicaid, Medicare, the state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the private insurance market—as well as writing and contributing to publications that are relevant to current health reform issues. For more information on the Villers Fellowship for Health Care Justice, please see the Families USA website at familiesusa.org/villers.

The fellowship lasts one year, from August 2012 through July 2013, and the fellow will receive a compensatory package that includes an annual salary of approximately \$38,000 and excellent health care benefits. One Villers Fellow is selected each year.

QUALIFICATIONS & PROCEDURES

The Villers Fellow must demonstrate a commitment to social and health care justice advocacy following his or her year of hands-on experience as a fellow. In addition, in order to develop future leaders, the Villers Fellow must commit to mentoring at least one person at some point over the course of his or her career. The Villers Fellow will be a strong writer with superior analytical skills.

Please follow the application directions carefully.

- ◆ Candidates *must* submit the following:
 - ◆ A completed application form
 - ◆ A personal statement and responses to two short answer questions
 - ◆ A resume
- ◆ Candidates *must* have both of the following sent by others:
 - ◆ An official copy of her or his most recent college or graduate school transcript (not required for applicants who have not been enrolled in a degree program since January 2009) sent directly from the school's registrar's office. No annotated transcripts, please.
 - ◆ Three letters of recommendation from academic and/or professional references and/or references who can attest to the applicant's community involvement, sent directly from the references themselves. Letters can be emailed if they are a PDF version of a signed original letter and sent from the reference's professional email account.
- ◆ All application materials can be sent by mail to: Families USA, Villers Fellowship, 1201 New York Avenue NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005 *or* email to: villersfellowship@familiesusa.org.
- ◆ All materials must be postmarked on or received by January 10, 2012. Application materials that are postmarked after that date will not be considered.
- ◆ Letters of recommendation or transcripts sent by the applicant or in an improper format will *not* be accepted.

Finalists for the position will be contacted for an interview. The final decision will be made some time in April 2012.

THE VILLERS FELLOWSHIP FOR HEALTH CARE JUSTICE

Application Form

(Deadline: January 10, 2012)

(Please type or print)

Name _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Address _____

Phone Number _____
(Primary) (Secondary)

Email _____

Gender _____ Race/Ethnicity (optional) _____

How did you hear about the Villers Fellowship for Health Care Justice? _____

Please check here if you are also applying for the Wellstone Fellowship for Social Justice* _____

Personal Statement

Please discuss the following topic on a separate piece of paper using a maximum of 500 words. There is no wrong answer, and no research is required. Paper-clip your response to your application.

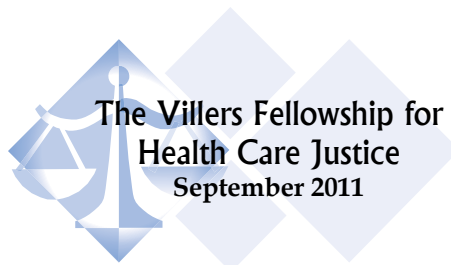
- ◆ Explain how your personal background and experience have had an influence on your view of social and health care justice. Include a discussion of the values, principles, and personal factors that led to your interest in applying for the Villers Fellowship.

Short Answers

Please respond to the following two questions on a separate piece of paper using a maximum of 250 words per response. There is no wrong answer, and no research is required. Paper-clip your responses to your application

1. How will serving as a Villers Fellow help you to achieve your long-term goals?
2. Describe one barrier low-income people face when attempting to get health care services and how this barrier can be overcome.

* Note: Applicants applying for both the Villers and Wellstone Fellowships can use the same resume, transcript, and letters of recommendation to satisfy the requirements of both fellowships. However, applicants must send in each fellowship's respective application form and respond to its unique essay section in order to be considered for both positions.



VILLERS FELLOWSHIP CHECKLIST:

What *you* must submit:

- Completed fellowship application
- Personal statement and responses to two short answer questions
- Resume

What *others* must submit on your behalf:

- Three letters of recommendation
- Official copy of your most recent transcript

Send your application by mail to

**Families USA, Villers Fellowship, 1201 New York Avenue NW, Suite 1100
Washington, D.C. 20005**

or by email to

villersfellowship@familiesusa.org.

- ◆ Faxed, late, or incomplete applications will not be considered.
- ◆ All materials, with the exception of letters of recommendation and the official transcript, should be sent together.
- ◆ An official copy of your transcript should be sent directly from the college/university. Letters of recommendation should be mailed or e-mailed by the references themselves. (Please see the Qualifications and Procedures section for more information.)
- ◆ Please attach application materials with paper clips, not staples.
- ◆ Please do not submit a cover letter or any other additional material, as it will not be reviewed.
- ◆ Application materials will not be returned to the applicant.

For more information about the Villers Fellowship for Health Care Justice, contact Melissa Rosenblatt at 202-628-3030 or at villersfellowship@familiesusa.org.

Families USA is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that advocates for guaranteed, high-quality, affordable health care for all of us. Our major areas of focus include Medicaid, children's health, Medicare, private insurance, and health equity. Working at the national, state, and community levels for more than 25 years,

