

The Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy & Civic Engagement

Marie and Robert Jackson Fellows Program

In response to an anonymous gift to the College of St. Benedict, the Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy and Civic Engagement is pleased to offer **up to nine student fellowships at \$4,000 each for full-time summer civic engagement projects**. While not required, students may elect to use a portion of this to pay for room and board on campus. Students will not be allowed to have any other paid employment during the ten weeks of the fellowship.

The fellowship will relate to public policy and/or community service and will be hosted by an off-campus organization in Minnesota. All fellowships will involve civic engagement or work devoted to improving community life or the common good through political or non political activities.

Eligible students will be sophomores, juniors, or seniors in 2009-2010. Graduating seniors are not eligible. Students will work full-time beginning June 1, 2009 and continuing through August 7, 2009. Students may elect to earn credits but will have to pay for these and will be assessed on an individual basis. Prior to starting their fellowship, the Jackson Fellows must participate in a training seminar in May 2009. Twice a month, the Jackson Fellows will meet as a group with the co-directors (Matt Lindstrom and Marah Jacobson-Schulte). Our bi-monthly seminars, usually held on campus, will involve discussion of fellowships, leadership training, and periodically include guest lectures from community and state leaders as well as study tours to student sites and visits with other community leaders and sites.

Interested students should contact Matt Lindstrom, Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy and Civic Engagement or Marah Jacobson-Schulte, Service-Learning Coordinator. Applications are due Friday February 13, 2009.

Students will be selected based on the following items:

- 1) A cover letter explaining student interest and type of civic engagement work they desire, including potential placement sites if possible. This should explain why there is a need for this type of civic engagement. Letters must also indicate a willingness and ability to attend bi-monthly seminars on campus and discuss their fellowship at a public forum to be held in the fall. In addition, the cover letter must state that students will not have any other employment if awarded this fellowship.
- 2) Resume indicating relevant paid and unpaid work/volunteer experiences, relevant class or other training, conferences or workshops attended, honors and awards, public talks or media involvement, and other skills such as languages or computer skills;
- 3) Two letters of recommendation;
- 4) Description of past service and leadership experience (1-2 pages);
- 5) Current unofficial transcript;
- 6) Interview with co-directors of the fellowship