



## SARTAC is Recruiting Self-Advocates for Policy Leadership Fellowships



**What is SARTAC?** SARTAC is a national self-advocacy center created to share self-advocacy information and opportunities across the country.



**What is a Fellowship?** A fellowship is a year-long opportunity for self-advocates to develop and grow their skills as leaders in the movement. Fellows will work with a supporting host organization on policy issues or a project that can help develop their leadership skills. The host organization will receive \$5,000 to pay **to pay to the self advocate** when they complete their work. The host organization is encouraged to match the funds. More information is below. The project plan should take about 310 hours over the fellowship year.



**When is the deadline to apply?** The host organization and fellow will complete the application together by 5:00pm EST on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Application submission information is below. We will schedule a conference call with finalists to discuss any additional questions before making our final decision. The first round of host organizations and fellows will be notified by May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.



**When does the fellowship begin and end?** The fellowships will begin on June 1<sup>st</sup> and end on May 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be 6 fellows chosen each year for a total of 24 over the next 4 years.



**What organizations can apply to host a fellow?** Organizations that apply must be a not-for-profit, government or educational organization.

Examples include:

- State Developmental Disabilities Council
- State Disability Rights Networks
- University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)
- Self-Advocacy Organizations
- Other National and State Disabilities Organizations
- Human Rights Organizations
- Congressional Home District Office or Mayor's Office



Both the host organization and the fellow are expected to complete the application together. The host organization and the fellow should think through a year-long project that will result in a report and/or products that will benefit the leadership experience of the fellow and the host organization as well as the self-advocacy movement overall. The following are some examples:

- Develop leadership training for your self-advocacy organization from other examples of successful leadership training materials. Conduct the training and report on lessons learned and how other groups can use it.
- Write a guide on how to successfully grow and coordinate a local or statewide self-advocacy organization based on the self-advocate's experience.
- Policy projects could include researching current trends and providing recommendations in the areas of disability and: employment; closing institutions; Medicaid and health care policy; Olmstead implementation; develop training on self- advocacy issues that works for self-advocates from different cultures and disabilities; community organizing with another human rights organization; work on a research project; research the history of the disability advocacy movement in your state and develop a display to tell others about this history.
- Plan and organize a state, regional, or national conference and write a guide on how you did it.



## **What do I need to do to become a host organization?**

1. Commitment to fully support the fellow's project and provide assistance to the fellow to maximize the project's impact and results.
2. Tell us about the fellow and the in-kind of support you will provide for the fellow.
  - Supports may include:
    - Assisting with research;
    - Preparing of materials and reports;
    - Planning project activities;
    - Attending monthly calls with the fellow and staff;
    - Providing equipment and information; and
3. If you provide financial match this can be used to provide financial support for self-advocate fellow to present their results from the fellowship project at the conference or to support the work beyond 310 hours.
4. The host organization and fellow will complete and send in application to SARTAC together.



## What does it take to be Self-Advocate Fellow?

Self-advocate fellow's expectations include:

1. 3 years of experience as a leader in the local, state, or national self-advocacy movement. This can be an elected position or other types of leadership such as organizing a fundraiser or event, starting a new self-advocacy group, leading changes in your community, etc.;
2. Have not worked for the host organization;
3. Be able to write and/or communicate in typed or written word with or without supports;
4. Willing to participate in monthly calls and other online connections with other fellows and SARTAC leadership to share their experiences and ask for support for their project;
5. Share their successes and challenges in a leadership presentation at the National Self Advocacy Conference in 2018. Presentation may be virtual or in person.

**Please carefully fill out the application below and send by email (preferred), fax or mail no later than 5:00 EST on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. If you need any help with completing the application please contact Laura Jackson at 816-235-5626.**

**UMKC / SARTAC Attn: Laura Jackson**  
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### HOST ORGANIZATION APPLICANT INFORMATION

**Name:**

**Phone:**

**Current address:**

**City, State & Zip:**

**Email:**

It is expected that the host organization and the fellow agree upon a mutually beneficial project and the ways in which the host organization can provide the support needed for a successful product. This support includes staff support for completing deliverables of project, office space, access to a computer and other technology needed to complete the project, distribution of funds to the fellow as their deliverables are met, and other support needs as they arise. **Are you willing to make this commitment? Please describe how:**



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### FOR BOTH THE HOST ORGANIZATION AND FELLOW TO COMPLETE

**Please describe your fellowship topic/project you wish to explore**

1. Title of fellowship project and description of topic:
2. Why it is important to the fellow personally, the host organization, and the self-advocacy movement overall?:
3. Why is a year needed to complete the project? Describe what steps you will need to take to complete the project. (use additional pages if needed)



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### SELF-ADVOCATE FELLOW APPLICANT INFORMATION

**Name:**

**Phone:**

**Current address:**

**City, State & Zip:**

**Email:**

**Do you have an intellectual and/or developmental disability as defined by the Developmental Disabilities Rights Act of 2000? (see definition on last page of application)**

**Yes ☐ No ☐**

**1. Have you received any leadership training in the past and if so, what was it?**





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**2. Have you had a leadership role in a self-advocacy group for over 3 years?  
If so what was it?**

**3. Have you helped develop products? For example a report, training materials, toolkit, videos, websites, etc.?**



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**4. Have you presented at conferences in the past? What topic(s) did you present on and at what conferences?**

**5. The project starts June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and ends May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Can you commit to a project for one year? If yes, what supports would you need?**



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**6. Can you commit to monthly conference calls, submitting quarterly progress reports, and participating in an online community with other fellows at least monthly? What supports will you need?**

**10. Why do you want to be a SARTAC fellow?**



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### REFERENCES FOR FELLOW

Name	E-Mail Address	Phone

### SIGNATURES

(BY SIGNING BELOW YOU AGREE TO COMPLETE YOUR FELLOWSHIP AND FOLLOW THE REQUIREMENTS OR WILL PROMPTLY CONTACT SARTAC MANAGEMENT FOR ASSISTANCE OR TO REQUEST TERMINATION OF PROJECT)

Signature of Host Organization:	Date:
Signature of Applicant:	Date:



## **Federal Definition of DD/ID:**

According to the Federal “Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000”, Developmental disability —

(A). In general. — The term “developmental disability” means a severe, chronic disability of an individual that —

(i) is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairment;

(ii) is manifested before the individual attains age 22;

(iii) is likely to continue indefinitely;

(iv) results in substantial functional limitations in 3 or more of the following areas of major life activity:

(I) Self-care.

(II) Receptive and expressive language.

(III) Learning.

(IV) Mobility.

(V) Self-direction.

(VI) Capacity for independent living.

(VII) Economic self-sufficiency; and

(v) reflects the individual’s need for a combination and sequency of special, interdisciplinary, or generic services, individualized supports, or other forms of assistance that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.