

Dear Career Counselor,

I'm pleased to announce that Families USA is accepting applications for the Villers Fellowship for Health Care Justice and the Wellstone Fellowship for Social Justice. Descriptions of both Fellowships are below. I will send your office five copies of each Fellowship's application brochure. When you meet with students or alumni interested in working toward social justice, especially in the realm of health care policy, I hope you will tell them about these opportunities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or if you would like additional copies of the application brochures.

Sincerely,

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## **The Villers Fellowship**

The [Villers Fellowship for Health Care Justice](#) was created in 2005 by Philippe Villers, Founder and President of Families USA. Villers Fellows work in our health policy department and assist our organization's efforts to improve access to health coverage for all Americans, especially for low-income and other vulnerable communities. Specifically, Villers Fellows will conduct research on a range of health care policy issues, and write and contribute to publications that are relevant to current health policy debates.

In creating the fellowship, Mr. Villers aspired to develop a network of young leaders who share a passion for health care justice. The ideal candidate will demonstrate a commitment to health care justice work following their year as a fellow. Additionally, in order to encourage the development of future leaders, Villers Fellows must commit to mentoring at least one person over the course of their careers.

*The application deadline for the Villers Fellowship is January 15, 2010.*

You can find more information, including a downloadable application form, on our Web site: <http://www.familiesusa.org/about/the-villers-fellowship.html>

If you have any questions about the Villers Fellowship for Health Care Justice or would like to request hard copies of the application brochure, please contact me at [villersfellowship@familiesusa.org](mailto:villersfellowship@familiesusa.org).

## **The Wellstone Fellowship**

The [Wellstone Fellowship for Social Justice](#) aims to advance social justice through health care advocacy by focusing particularly on the unique challenges facing communities of color. Through this fellowship, established to honor the memory of the late Senator Paul D. Wellstone, we hope to expand the pool of talented social justice advocates from underrepresented racial and ethnic minority groups.

The ideal candidate must demonstrate an interest in health care policy and racial/ethnic health disparities. Additionally, we are looking for an individual who displays the potential to contribute to social justice work after their year of hands-on experience as a fellow.

You can find more information, including a downloadable application form, on our Web site: <http://www.familiesusa.org/about/wellstone-fellowship.html>

*The application deadline for the Wellstone Fellowship is February 5, 2010.*

If you have any questions about the Wellstone Fellowship for Social Justice or would like to request hard copies of the application brochure, please contact me at [wellstonefellowship@familiesusa.org](mailto:wellstonefellowship@familiesusa.org).

Both fellowships are year-long, full-time, salaried positions at our office in Washington, DC. Each year, one candidate will be selected for each fellowship. Selected fellows will receive a compensatory package that includes an annual salary of \$38,000 and excellent health care benefits.