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Chicago History Museum The Josephine Baskin Minow Fellowship for Achievement in American History

The Josephine Baskin Minow Fellowship for Achievement in American History at the Chicago History Museum (CHM) is a competitive award that recognizes superior academic achievement by college students. The Fellowship is aimed to introduce minority college students to a career in history museums through a ten-week fellowship. Fellows work alongside CHM staff to contribute to institutional advancement in research and interpretation of the collections for diverse public audiences.

In July 2010, the Chicago History Museum opened a new U.S. history exhibition *Facing Freedom* that explores the ways conflicts over the meaning of freedom have shaped the nation. This exhibition has targeted middle and high school students as a core audience, and is exploring the role of media and technology in creating engaging interpretive experiences. Minow Fellows will assist in projects that offer diverse audiences access to topics explored in this exhibition. Projects may include:

- Assist in visitor research.
- Contribute to the research and development of resources for middle and high school teachers and students that further enhances their field trip experience.
- Assist in final design and launch of American History exhibition online components.
- Research and identify connections to other exhibitions.
- Participate in the design and delivery of public programs.

Eligibility: Sophomore and Junior minority college students who have excelled in the study of history (preferably American, Public, Urban).

Application: Interested candidates must submit the following material by February 28, 2011:

- Letter of nomination from a professor
- Transcript of academic achievement
- CHM internship application,
<http://www.chicagohs.org/aboutus/jobsvolunteering/internships/internships>
- A short essay (1000 words maximum) on the topic: Can museums play a role in helping people make meaningful, personal connections to history? If so, how do they do that? Why should museums make such connections?

The fellowship will occur during April-June 2011. The Fellowship will last ten weeks and fellows are required to work a minimum of 15 hours a week. Fellows who successfully complete their work will receive a \$1000 stipend. Please be advised that you must successfully pass a background check to participate in this program.

Send application packet to:

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