

# FRIENDS OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER'S ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP INSTITUTE

*Applications are open for the 2021 cohort!*

## WHAT IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP INSTITUTE (ESI)?

Earn money working on environmental issues in your community and explore professional options in the environmental field during a summer fellowship with Friends of the Mississippi River. An ESI fellowship includes discussions on current environmental issues, field experiences with local professionals and opportunities to develop your own project in the environmental field. No prior experience is necessary, just an interest in the environment and building new skills.



## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Friends of the Mississippi River (FMR) is looking for rising 10th, 11th and 12th graders to be fellows for the 2021 ESI cohort. An ESI fellow has an interest in learning more about the environment, building job-related skills, and is available for twice-weekly meetings during the course of the summer program. We will meet twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:00pm to 4:00pm beginning on June 16th until our last program meeting, a celebration day with all participants, during the week of July 26, 2021. The exact date and time of our celebration is TBD.

We welcome all students. Students of color are particularly encouraged to apply.

## COMPENSATION

Earn \$600 by committing to 40 hours of learning and self-guided work during the summer, including twice-weekly meetings. In addition to the \$600.00 stipend for completing the program, FMR will also provide monetary assistance for transportation and meals during each session.

## WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

The theme for 2021 is *Resilient Waters: Building community and connections*. How do we secure clean water in metro area communities? How do environmental professionals work alongside community members to create resilient waters? You will explore this topic with other fellows, FMR staff, and environmental professionals through self-directed projects, job skill-building, discussions, presentations and interactive activities about environmental issues.

## COVID-19

FMR has practices in place to keep all of our volunteers and participants safe as we continue to provide environmentally relevant programming to the greater metro area. We are prepared to provide a hybrid of online and outdoors, socially-distant in-person programming for the 2021 ESI cohort. As always, we stay up to date on the ever-changing COVID safety protocols and our scheduled activities may shift as needed to prioritize everyone's safety.

## HOW TO APPLY

Please send your name, pronouns, grade, school and contact information (email, phone number), a list of accomplishments (these can be classes, clubs, extracurricular activities, sports, or other projects) as well as 3-4 sentences about why you want to participate in the program to FMR Database Coordinator Jennifer Hadley at [jhadley@fmr.org](mailto:jhadley@fmr.org).

A brief statement of recommendation from a teacher, mentor, or other adult is encouraged but not required. Applications can also be submitted online (<https://tinyurl.com/ESlapp>) or by mail (Friends of the Mississippi River, Attn:Environmental Stewardship Institute, 101 East 5th Street, Suite 2000, St. Paul, MN 55101).

**Application submissions are preferred by Monday April 26, 2021.  
Questions? Contact [education@fmr.org](mailto:education@fmr.org)**



FMR is a non-profit organization that has worked in the Twin Cities Metro Area since 1993. Our offices are located in Downtown St. Paul, though our work happens in many sites across the Cities and surrounding suburbs. FMR engages people to protect, restore and enhance the Mississippi River and its watershed in the Twin Cities region.

