



JESUIT VOLUNTEER CORPS

RJV Hurley Fund

Background

In order to mitigate barriers to qualified, passionate young people for whom financial realities prohibit participation in postgraduate service, as well as in an effort to make the JVC opportunity available to the greatest number of candidates, and to further enhance the experience among a more diverse community of JVs, JVC has established RJV Hurley Fund. The RJV Hurley Fund provides empowerment funds for incoming Jesuit Volunteers to help to mitigate significant financial barriers, and this opportunity has been made possible by the Hurley family in honor of their son and daughters' transformative experience as Jesuit Volunteers. The implementation of this fund began as a pilot program with the 2015-16 cohort of JVs, where we able to provide awards of up to \$3,000 each to 2 Incoming JVs.

For the 2017-2018 Program year, we are able to offer as many as 10 awards of up to \$3,000 each

Key notes about the Fund

- Fund is need-based, not merit-based
- Fund is available to incoming domestic and international Jesuit Volunteers, as well as current Jesuit Volunteers applying for an additional year in 2016-17
 - Note: Additional year applicants who have previously received an RJV Hurley Fund Award, and the funds of that award are not yet fully expended are not able to qualify for a second award
- We use a financial assessment using the documents submitted by the application to determine eligibility for the award
- Application involves a completed application form, demonstration and documentation of financial need, and a reference
- Recipients of this award are kept confidential
- Selection committee includes:
 - Marcos Gonzalez, SJ, JVC Board of Directors member
 - Katy Caldwell, JVC Screening and Placement Manager
 - Nicole Cronin, JVC Program Associate

The empower funds granted through this award can be used for:

- Travel to and from a JV's home to Orientation.
- Educational benefits to pay down student loans or use toward graduate study after JVC.
- Satisfaction of the individual's *Send Me to Serve* campaign, if necessary.
- Year-end relocation funds to assist in the return travel from closing retreat and launching into a professional or educational career.

Financial Information Requested:

- Copy of applicant's most recent FAFSA application or if not available, the applicant's most recent tax return or the return of the individual that counts the applicant as their dependent.
- Need-based Financial Assistance received during college (i.e. alternative spring breaks, retreats, immersion trips)
- Anticipated support during JVC (parent or guardian support)

Short Essays (on application form)

- How would financial assistance increase your ability to you to participate in JVC?
- How would you see yourself using the educational allowance?
- How will your perspective within JVC both enhance and challenge the service being completed and the community experience of JVC?