



**THE ALBERT SCHWEITZER FELLOWSHIP®**  
*Addressing Health Disparities  
 by Developing Leaders in Service*



*Introducing*  
**The Indiana Schweitzer Fellows Program**

The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship® (ASF)'s Indiana Schweitzer Fellows Program supports students who wish to follow in pioneering humanitarian Dr. Albert Schweitzer's footsteps by committing themselves to improving the health and well-being of underserved people.

Launched with the help and collaboration of many of Indiana's health sciences schools, the Indiana Schweitzer Fellows Program is ASF's 13th and newest U.S. program site dedicated to equipping emerging professionals with the skills to address unmet health-related needs throughout their careers.

**ASF History and Mission**

ASF was initially founded in 1940 to support Dr. Albert Schweitzer's hospital in Africa. ASF's mission is to develop Leaders in Service: individuals who are dedicated to and skilled in addressing the social determinants of health in underserved communities, and whose example influences and inspires others. Established in 1991, ASF's U.S Schweitzer Fellows Program expands health-focused graduate students' educational experience, providing them with the chance to gain firsthand knowledge and skills rarely found in traditional health professional training.

**Being a Schweitzer Fellow Is...**

- 1 A personal, individualized pursuit, *not* a "plug-in" volunteer opportunity
- 2 A meaningful, integrated part of health education, *not* a program undertaken when a student's "regular life" is on hold
- 3 An interdisciplinary experience, *not* an isolated one
- 4 A gateway for lifelong service, *not* a one-time volunteer project with an endpoint

**A Passion for Service**

Motivated by an abiding desire to improve the health of our most vulnerable populations, Indiana Schweitzer Fellows create and carry out 200-hour direct service projects that address not only clinical health issues, but also the social determinants of health (including poverty, the environment, and education). In the process, Fellows undergo a mentored, reflective, and multidisciplinary leadership development program that enhances their ability to successfully carry out interventions that improve the health status of underserved people.

Annually, U.S. Schweitzer Fellows representing a variety of disciplines deliver more than 40,000 hours of community service. When Fellows' initial year ends, they carry their skills and commitment forward as members of the Schweitzer Fellows for Life alumni network, now more than 2,000 strong.

**Innovative Projects Meet  
 Indiana's Diverse Health Needs**

Indiana Schweitzer Fellows have developed and implemented Schweitzer service projects involving:

- Addressing the legal needs of low-income individuals by working to establish a medical-legal partnership at the Indiana University Student Outreach Clinic
- Recruiting, educating, and training healthcare professionals in utilizing the *5-2-1-0 Healthy Kids Countdown*, a health promotion initiative based on evidence-based messaging emphasizing healthy nutritional choices and behaviors
- Initiating a medication therapy management program serving vulnerable patients at St. Vincent Hospital

## Information for Prospective Applicants

The Indiana Schweitzer Fellows Program administers and supports community service Fellowships that are conducted throughout the state from May to May. Application information is available at [www.schweitzerfellowship.org/indiana](http://www.schweitzerfellowship.org/indiana).

Participants are students whose fields of study and/or personal interests are relevant to the goals and mission of the program. These multidisciplinary Indiana Schweitzer Fellows receive stipends in the amount of \$3,000. Fellows design and carry out projects that provide at least 200 hours of service through an existing community agency and under the supervision of an academic and community-based mentor.

Projects include at least 100 hours of direct client contact, with an emphasis placed on activities that will have an enduring benefit to the agency and the community. Fellows attend an orientation retreat and monthly meetings. No academic credit is earned for participation as a Fellow.



## Program Sponsors

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*A number of Schweitzer Fellows in Indiana each year will incorporate the 5-2-1-0 Healthy Kids Countdown, an ASF initiative sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation, into their Schweitzer projects.*

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