

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: PARENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The National Service Office for Nurse-Family Partnership and Child First (NSO) is recruiting graduates who are passionate about advocating for other first-time parents. The Parent Ambassador (“PA”) program will provide a platform for the voices of NFP parents by equipping them with the training and support needed to be leaders in their community and advocate on behalf of families.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PARENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM?

The PA program will focus on three priority areas:

- Supporting program advocacy efforts (Local, State and National levels)
- Sharing family success stories
- Increasing awareness about NFP

We are looking for candidates who are comfortable with public speaking, interested in public policy and government, and have experience and/or want to learn about maternal and child health.

WHEN ARE APPLICATIONS DUE?

All interested applicants must submit their applications by Friday, June 9th, 2023. Interviews will begin July 2023.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Any NFP mother aged 21+, who has graduated from the Nurse-Family Partnership through one of our [Local Network Partner agencies](#). We are looking for applicants that embody a passion for advocating for maternal and child health.

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT FOR A PARENT AMBASSADOR?

The program will include a 2-year commitment, beginning with an introductory in-person meeting in Denver, Colorado in February 2024. Attendance at all in-person meetings and phone/web conferences is required. On average, we anticipate that Parent Ambassadors will spend between 10 and 15 hours per month (more for the two months with in-person trainings/meetings) with this program. The program will conclude with a final meeting around October 2025.

IS ANY EXPERIENCE NEEDED?

We would prefer, but do not require, applicants who have experience with public speaking and have participated in one (1) advocacy event such as: speaker at a graduation, meeting with a legislator, participation in a community event, or a school related event, etc.

I WORK FULL-TIME. HOW WILL I FIND TIME TO BE A PARENT AMBASSADOR?

We expect that many Parent Ambassadors will have full time jobs, families, and other commitments, therefore the program was formed with busy parents in mind. You will be able to learn and engage in the program with flexibility and tools that fit your busy schedule. However, if you expect that you will be unable to participate in this program in a meaningful way due to your existing commitments, please consider applying at a different time.

DO I HAVE TO PAY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM OR TO ATTEND IN-PERSON MEETINGS?

No. The cost of each Ambassador's participation is covered, including travel and meals. Any out-of-pocket expenses will be discussed beforehand and could qualify for a reimbursement.

IS THE PROGRAM A PAID POSITION/ OPPORTUNITY?

The Parent Ambassador program is not a paid position. It is a volunteer 2-year leadership development opportunity, that will help build your skills and resume. We do provide quarterly stipends to show appreciation.

HOW MANY PARENT AMBASSADORS WILL BE SELECTED?

6-8 NFP graduates will be selected as Parent Ambassadors for a 2-year program cohort.

CAN I TRAVEL WITH MY FAMILY OR CHILD(REN)?

The program is designed to support the Parent Ambassador only during in-person meetings and trainings. We do this in order to maximize the focus of trainings and professional development. We will work with families on a case-to-case basis, however the expectation is solo travel. Ambassadors that must travel with their children, need to prepare to bring and pay for all travel and meals for a trusted adult to care for children during training times.

WHEN WILL I FIND OUT IF I'VE BEEN SELECTED AS A PARENT AMBASSADOR?

After all applications are reviewed, a select group of applicants will be contacted about scheduling a video interview by July. If you have been selected to be a Parent Ambassador after the interview, you will be notified by early August. Those applicants who are not selected will receive an email notification. Applicants who are not selected will have opportunities to engage beyond the program, if desired.