

**SARTAC Fellowships Now Open for 2018 Applications**

**What is SARTAC?**

SARTAC stands for Self Advocacy Resource and Technical Assistance Center. The center was created to share self advocacy ideas and help others across the country.

**What is a Fellowship?**

****A SARTAC Fellowship is a one year self advocacy project. The project should help the fellow grow their own skills as a leader. The project might work on finding new ideas to help solve problems many people have. It must end with a report or products others can use after the project is over. There are lists of ideas and current projects on pages 5-6.

The Fellow will work on their project about 6 hours each week. **SARTAC pays Fellows $5,000 to complete their projects.**

**When does the fellowship begin and end?**

March 1, 2018 – February 28, 2019

**What is a Fellow?**

A Fellow is a person chosen by SARTAC to do one of these projects. As a Fellow, you will work with a group called a Host organization. SARTAC will choose 6 Fellows each year. There will be a total of 24 Fellows over 4 years.

**What is a Host?**

A Host is the Fellow’s partner in the project. Hosts will provide in-kind support to help the Fellow meet their goals. This support can be things like staff help to:

* set goals and timelines
* fill out forms
* write reports.

It may also be:

* an office to work in
* use of a computer, camera, or other tools.

The Host and Fellow will decide together what the Host will provide. They will write this in the form when they apply. The Fellow and Host can ask for support or assistance from the SARTAC team at any time.

**Who can be a Host?**

Non-profits, government, or education organizations, like:

* State Developmental Disabilities Councils
* Disability Rights Networks
* Universities and colleges
* Self advocacy or Disability Organizations
* Human Rights Groups
* Community Organizations

**Are there any rules about who can be a Fellow?**

The Fellow must:

1. Have been involved as a leader in a group for at least 3 years. This could be for one or more groups. It may have been an elected office or another kind of role. Some examples are chairing an event, starting a new group, or leading changes in your community.
2. Have **not** worked for the Host in the past;
3. Be able to share ideas by writing or typing. The Host can support this when needed.
4. Be able to join in on monthly calls and connect online with other Fellows and SARTAC leaders. Fellows can participate in conference calls in a way that works for them. For example, the Fellow may type in a group chat during the call or use a video relay service.
5. Attend and introduce his or her project at the [SABE National Self Advocacy Conference](http://sabeconference.org/). The event will be held in Birmingham, Alabama, June 7-9, 2018. The Fellow or Host will pay the cost to attend. These funds can come from the Fellowship payments, if needed.

**What else do Hosts need to know?**

Hosts are important partners in the Fellowship project. When done well, SARTAC projects add value to the self-advocate, host organization, and the whole movement. They also build work skills that may lead to jobs.

The Host’s role includes:

1. Full, long term support of the Fellow’s project to ensure success.
2. Assist the Fellow with their support needs. The Host may:
	* Help with research.
	* Type materials and reports, including online forms.
	* Assist planning project actions.
	* Join monthly calls with the Fellow and SARTAC staff.
	* Provide tools and information.
3. Confirm that the Fellow has met agreed upon goals before SARTAC pays him or her.
4. Also, the host may want to help the Fellow with their cost to go to the national self advocacy conference. SARTAC expects Fellows to attend and introduce their projects to this national audience. The conference will be June 7-9, 2018, in Birmingham, Alabama.

\*\*\*The Host and Fellow must fill out the Fellowship application form together. If a self-advocate has a project idea, but needs a Host, SARTAC can help them connect. Please contact Danielle Underwood at (816) 235-5359 to learn more.\*\*\*

**What are some ideas for projects?**

* Create a leadership training for your self advocacy organization. Do the training. Share what you learned and how other groups can use it.
* Write a guide on how to grow a state or local self advocacy group.
* Study current trends for a policy project. Report what you think will solve problems in disability and employment, closing institutions, health care, or other areas.
* Plan a training that helps self-advocates from different cultures and disabilities who have not had much help before.
* Learn how to make new partners. Join your group with another kind of group in an advocacy project. Write a guide about what you learned working together.
* Do a research project on the history of disability rights in your state. Make a display to tell the story.
* Plan a large self advocacy event in your state or region and write a guide on how you did it.

**What projects are happening now?**

The first 6 Fellows started projects in 2017. This is a list of their topics:

* A Path to Power: Self Advocates as Community Organizers to Enhance Human Rights: Fellow: Marie Malinowski, New York; Host Organization: Self Advocacy Association of New York State and VOICE Buffalo
* Developing Accessible Online Leadership Trainings and Resources: Fellow: Shiloh Blackburn, Idaho; Host Organization: University of Idaho Center on Disabilities and Human Development
* Advocating for More Flexible Self-Directed Services and Supports to Promote Employment: Fellow: Robert Peterson, Illinois; Host Organization: University of Chicago-Illinois Institute on Disability and Human Development
* Raising the Heat Self-Advocate Style: Using the principles of the Kansas Leadership Center to provide self-advocates with leadership tools: Fellow: Cole Browne, Kansas; Host Organization: Self Advocacy Coalition of Kansas
* A-Ride-Away: An Advocates Guide to Going Places! Increasing awareness of transportation needs for people with disabilities with policy recommendations through a guide for self advocates, educators and community members: Fellow: Danielle McGill, Florida; Host Organization: The Ann Storck Center; Florida
* A Place at the Table: Preparing Self-Advocates to Serve on Human Rights Committees: Fellow: Steven Powe, Washington, DC; Host Organization: Project ACTION! DC

***SARTAC is looking for new ideas!***

**How do I apply?**

Fellows should work side by side with a Host organization to fill out the [online form](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SARTAC_Fellow_Application). SARTAC will hold a **“how-to” webinar on** **Thursday, December 7** to answer questions. Please see the [SARTAC website](http://selfadvocacyinfo.org/) for details.

**![stairs[1]]()**You may wish to use this Word document version of the questions to help you plan your answers. It is easy to copy and paste the words into the online form. If you:

* want to know more about how to do this,
* have any other questions, or
* have any problems,

please contact Danielle Underwood at 816-235-5359 or underwooddm@umkc.edu.

**When is the deadline to apply?**

December 31, 2017, 5 pm (Pacific time). SARTAC will choose Fellows and contact all applicants by February 15, 2018.

| SARTAC Fellowship application |
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| The host and Fellow should complete this form together. |
| The Fellow and Host must agree on a project that will help both parties. Please describe your fellowship project idea: |
| 1. **Title of Project:**
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| 1. **Describe the topic:**
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| 1. **Why it is important to the Fellow personally, the Host, and the self advocacy movement overall?**
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| 1. **Why is a year needed to complete the project?**
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| The Host and Fellow must also agree on help the Host will provide to support the success of the project. See “What else do Hosts need to know?” on page 4.1. **Please describe how the Host will support the Fellow in this project:**
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| **SELF ADVOCATE FELLOW INFORMATION** |
| 1. **Name:**
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| 1. **Phone:**
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| 1. **Address:**
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| 1. **City, State, & Zip:**
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| 1. **Email:**
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| 1. Do you have an intellectual and/or developmental disability as defined by the Developmental Disabilities Rights Act of 2000? (see definition on last page of application) 󠄀󠄀 YES 󠄀󠄀 NO
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| 1. If you have had leader training in the past, what was it?
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| 1. How have you acted as a leader and for what groups? How long?
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| 1. If you helped develop products, what did you do? Examples of products are reports, training tools, videos, websites, social media accounts, etc.
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| 1. If you have presented at conferences in the past, what topic(s) did you present on? When and what conferences?
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| 1. Can you commit to a project for one year? The project starts March 1, 2018 and ends February 28, 2019. 󠄀󠄀 YES 󠄀󠄀 NO
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| 1. Can you commit to:
* monthly conference calls and/or update emails,
* filling out 3 progress reports and a final report, and
* being part of an online community with other fellows?

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| 1. Why do you want to be a SARTAC fellow?
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| **HOST INFORMATION**  |
| 1. **Host Organization:**
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| 1. **Contact Person:**
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| 1. **Phone:**
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| 1. **Address:**
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| 1. **City, State & Zip Code:**
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| 1. **Email:**
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|  | **SARTAC Fellowship Timeline** |
| **Month** | **Please tell us about your basic action plan for the project:** |
| March 2018 |  |
| April 2018 |  |
| May 2018 | *quarterly report due* |
| June 2018 | *Attend the* [*SABE National Self Advocacy Conference*](http://sabeconference.org/) *June 7-9, 2018, in Birmingham, Alabama* |
| July 2018 |  |
| August 2018 | *quarterly report due* |
| September 2018 |  |
| October 2018 |  |
| November 2018 | *quarterly report due* |
| December 2018 |  |
| January 2019 |  |
| February 2019 | *final report due* |

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| **Please share two personal references for the Fellow** |
| **Name** | **E-Mail Address** | **Phone** |
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| SignaturesBY SIGNING BELOW YOU AGREE THAT BOTH FELLOW AND HOST HELPED TO SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION. YOU ALSO AGREE TO WORK TOGETHER AS PARTNERS IF CHOSEN FOR A SARTAC PROJECT. |
| **Signature of Fellow Applicant:** | **Date:**  |
| **Signature of Host Applicant:**  | **Date:** |

***SARTAC will contact all applicants by February 15, 2018.***

***Thank you and we look forward to learning about your project idea.***

Federal Definition of DD/ID:

According to the Federal “Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000”, Developmental disability —

(A). In general. — The term “developmental disability” means a severe, chronic disability of an individual that —

(i)  is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairment;

(ii) is manifested before the individual attains age 22;

(iii) is likely to continue indefinitely;

(iv) results in substantial functional limitations in 3 or more of the following areas of major life activity:

(I) Self-care.

(II) Receptive and expressive language.

(III) Learning.

(IV) Mobility.

(V) Self-direction.

(VI) Capacity for independent living.

(VII) Economic self-sufficiency; and

(v) reflects the individual’s need for a combination and sequency of special, interdisciplinary, or generic services, individualized supports, or other forms of assistance that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.