

**ELON YEAR OF SERVICE FELLOWS APPLICATION**

Please complete this application, including a current resume and cover letter, and submit to the Elon Job Network (EJN). Applications open on October 14, 2024 and close on February 7, 2025 at noon. You will be notified in late February as to the status of your application.

**Mission**

The mission of the Elon Year of Service Fellows Program (EYOSF) is to create measurable impact and enact positive change in the areas of health, education, and economic development within Alamance County. The program is committed to promoting equity, fostering community service, building authentic relationships, and addressing community needs. Through a year of dedicated service the fellows will work alongside community professionals and residents, engage in significant projects and refine professional skills.

Elon Year of Service Fellows will:

* Apply relevant knowledge and skills to real time, real world challenges.
* Refine professional skills through direct collaboration with community partners.
* Engage in significant community projects that address pressing needs.
* Build meaningful relationships with change makers in the community.

**Vision**

The Elon Year of Service Fellows Program is to be a catalyst for transformative and sustained change in the Alamance community.

**Community Priority Areas**

The Community Health Assessment (CHA) for Alamance County team collects data that reflects the voices of the people most impacted by the decisions made by community institutions. With this data, we develop strategies that address the root causes of inequity. This process includes both quantitative and qualitative methods to collect and analyze data and build a better understanding of the health within communities. The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) describes how we will hold each other accountable for addressing the priorities the community identifies are most impacting the health of Alamance County. There are three areas of work for Elon Year of Service Fellows that reflect the priorities identified in the CHA. They include health, education and economic development.

**Personal Information**

 First Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 Are you legally authorized to work in the United States for Elon University? Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Introductory Information**

How did you hear about the Elon Year of Service Graduate Fellows program?

**References**

Please supply the names of 2 individuals (at least one of whom is associated directly with Elon University) willing to provide a candid evaluation of you for this opportunity. Include contact information (email and phone) for both individuals and explain their relationship to you.

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**Application Essay Questions**

Please write a brief essay in response to each of the following questions. We read your essays to get to know you and to learn about the ideas and interests that motivate you. We want to hear your voice throughout the essays. This is the time to think carefully about the values, passions, and experiences that shape you as an individual and inform why you would be a good fit in the Elon Year of Service Fellows program.

**Philosophy of Community**

What community attributes have the greatest impact on quality of life and well-being for a community’s members? What motivates you to work with community partners who are seeking to improve the quality of life and well-being for the people of Alamance County? (500 words)

**Leadership-through-Partnership**

When working with others, how would you describe your preferred relationship with them? (300 words)

**Self-Reflection and Personal Growth**

When was the last time you "broke the rules?” What was the situation and what did you do? (300 words)

**Community Service**

How do you view service learning and why do you want service in Alamance County to be a part of your professional experience after graduation from Elon University? What does Alamance County mean to you? (300 words)

**Inclusion and Equity**

How will you actively contribute to an inclusive and racially equitable environment if selected? (300 words).

**INFORMATION SESSION ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT**

All applicants must attend one (1) Information Session to learn about each of the six partner agencies that participate in the program in order for your application to be considered complete. All sessions will take place on Zoom. Please indicate which session you plan to attend (note: these are each unique Zoom links):

* Tuesday, October 15, 2024; 5:30-6:30 pm ([Zoom](https://elon.zoom.us/j/96416998082?pwd=r7xjlrQYUfYcT52bbanydsJbE81INZ.1))
* Wednesday, November 6, 2024; 5:30-6:30 pm ([Zoom](https://elon.zoom.us/j/92915983695?pwd=Tdiigi3Lcg3Yid6ZbLIzdzcH7pufoS.1))
* Thursday, December 4, 2024; 5:30-6:30 pm ([Zoom](https://elon.zoom.us/j/99648186410?pwd=h4id8i9CsubTviEEX6aDddekKak0e7.1))
* Tuesday, February 4, 2025; 5:30-6:30 pm ([Zoom](https://elon.zoom.us/j/99814538566?pwd=S8pR6Js08hqatmToHNJVOAJReN2ybI.1))

**AGENCY FOCUS AREAS**

**Health** = Alamance County Health Department, Alamance Regional Center, Impact Alamance

**Education** = Alamance Achieves

**Economic Development** = City of Burlington

**Communication** – For Alamance Initiative

**Alamance Achieves -** Main focus is on Education**.** Education is focused on supporting all children by development of policies and programs, as well as investments in community organizations aimed at helping children succeed.

**Alamance County Health Department** – Main focus is on Health. The organization also addresses Education through public health messaging, clinical education, and promotion/education of public health services and health issues in community.

**Cone Health/Alamance Regional Medical Center** – Main focus is on Health. The system also addresses Education through health messaging, clinical education, and promotion of services. The system addresses Economic Development through job creation and promotion of health care jobs, and through expansion of infrastructure and services.

**City of Burlington** – Main focus is on Economic Development and economic growth. The City addresses Health through its Parks and Recreation facilities and programs, its employee wellness programs and by addressing issues such as affordable housing. Education is addressed by the City through partnerships between businesses and education institutions, through job fairs, and through workforce development initiatives for government employees and local businesses.

**For Alamance Initiative –** The For Alamance Initiative is a program of Impact Alamance in partnership with the community. A community newsletter, community listening sessions, social media, news releases, presentation and other communication tools are used consistently to lead policy and systems change work in the county. This position is for a communication’s major.

**Impact Alamance** – Main focus areas are Health and Education. Health is addressed by investing in infrastructure such as greenways and in projects that create healthy spaces in community. Health is also addressed by convening community sectors around various health issues.

Please rank your interest in working in the partner agencies in Alamance County.

**\_\_\_\_\_ Alamance Achieves**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Alamance County Health Department**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Cone Health/ARMC**

**\_\_\_\_\_ City of Burlington Economic Development Department**

**\_\_\_\_\_ For Alamance Initiative (Communications Major Only)**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Impact Alamance**