

# Congratulations!

You have been nominated to join a select group of emerging leaders as a member of the 2018 class of The Journey Fellowship for New Professionals in Youth Work— a program aimed at helping you develop your career and yourself.

Please see the Journey travel map on the reverse side which highlights the components and structure of the fellowship program, and includes dates and locations for planned retreats.

The program is all-expenses paid, however, fellows are responsible for their own travel to and from events.

Most Important: You may have been nominated by someone from outside your organization. However, your organization, including your Executive Director and your direct supervisor must fully support your participation. A commitment form from each of them is a part of the application packet.

We hope you will consider applying for one of the limited number of spots available for the 2018 year.

To apply please visit [thejourneyonline.org](http://thejourneyonline.org) Click on the application link for the [New Pro Fellowship](#) and follow the instructions to submit your online application.

We encourage you to see this fellowship as an once-in-a-lifetime professional opportunity to jump-start your career and continue on your path of leadership and making a difference in the field

We look forward to receiving your application.

Tom Plake and Janet Wakefield  
Journey Leaders

## About The Journey Programs

**The Journey**, working with non profit leaders, youth workers and students, brings opportunities for renewal and leadership development to those who serve young people by...

**Grounding**...people in who they are – the essence of their heart and spirit, their vocation and avocation

**Connecting**...people to each other – tapping into the power of community, and

**Inspiring**...people's beliefs about what they can accomplish on behalf of young people

Since 2002, *The Journey* has created opportunities for renewal and exploration for experienced and prospective youth workers in Indiana. In addition to The Journey Fellowship for New Professionals in Youth Work, The Journey also sponsors:

- **The Executive Journey Fellowship**— renewal for current leaders in the field of youth work
- **The International Youth Worker Exchange**— a travel experience to connect Indiana youth workers with other cultures and people
- **Youth Worker Symposium**— a professional development experience for youth workers around the world to renew and learn together
- **The Journey Fellowship for Students**— college students interested in exploring a career working with young people



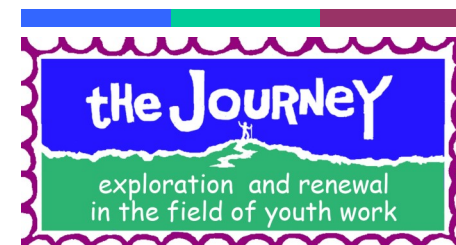
The Journey programs are under the care of AYS, Inc and made possible by Lilly Endowment.

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*"I didn't realize how vital it is to me to have people who are not family or co-workers to connect with on a friendship yet professional level. This is getting me out of my bubble and healing my soul."*

- 2017 Journey Fellow



## The 2018 Journey Fellowship for New Professionals In Youth Work



*"The Journey was there for me as I was learning to manage the strain of this work as a New Pro. The Journey saved me from giving up on youth work in the beginning of my career. If I hadn't had this opportunity for renewal, exploration and connection*

*I might not still be in the field."*

- 2016 Journey Fellow

# The Journey Fellowship for New Professionals in Youth Work

In 2018, 25 new professionals in the field of youth work will embark on an expedition to develop themselves and their careers in youth development. This unique opportunity is meant to support emerging leaders in their quest to get grounded, get connected and get going, making their mark in the field and making a difference in young lives.

## Session #1

Feb 20-22

Country Lake  
Retreat Center  
(near Scottsburg, IN)



## Session #2

April 23-25

Camp Tecumseh  
(near Lafayette, IN)



## Session #3

July 31-Aug 2

Cenacle Retreat  
Center  
(Chicago, IL)



## Session #4

Nov 13-15

Indiana State  
Fairgrounds  
(Indianapolis)

## 2018 Travel Itinerary

- > Four 3-day retreats focused on professional and career development as youth workers
- > Individual and group mentoring and coaching focused on personal growth
- > Connecting with leaders in the field of youth development from all levels
- > Career Advancement Stipends for fellows to develop professionally
- > Support for fellows to pursue their own professional credential in the field of youth work

This Journey is a family of fellowship programs, begun in 2002, under the care of AYS, Inc. and funded by a generous grant from The Lilly Endowment, Inc. Our intention is to help transform the profession and field of youth work by grounding leaders in who they are, building professional community, and inspiring the beliefs of those who dream and do on behalf of young people.

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