



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) is now accepting applications for a fellowship program to provide new opportunities to people who have successfully completed a period of probation, parole, or supervised release. This program, similar to “Credible Messenger” efforts around the country, calls for the selected candidates to use their own life experiences to work with CSOSA’s supervision and treatment staff to assist offenders in a variety of ways, including goal-setting, social and emotional support, and decision-making. The program is part of a broader jobs initiative being launched by the agency, including a “Hire One” campaign that will be aimed at recruiting area employers.

A total of five temporary positions (GS-3 or GS-4) were created, and applications are being accepted through August 16, 2020. The new hires will be with CSOSA for up to six months, with the possibility of one six-month extension. These paid positions are expected to help those selected for the program move forward with their own careers, while helping others. The object is more than just employment. CSOSA also hopes to provide these temporary employees with the opportunity to enhance their skills and obtain vocational certifications that private employers may need.

Through the First Step Act and other initiatives, the President has endeavored to make the transition from the justice system back into society smoother. The fellowship program, designed with support from the Office of Personnel Management, is consistent with that policy direction.

The job application can be accessed on USA Jobs at <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/575115700>.