

# American University's Compass Fellowship

## Application 2013

### **1. Why Compass?**

*Tell us what you hope to get out of the Fellowship experience.*

I want to become a part of the Compass community because I aspire to be a successful entrepreneur. The resources, connections and community that Compass offers to its members are the stepping-stones to understanding, creating and embodying both the entrepreneurial spirit and ideology. I would like to gain perspective, leadership skills, friends, mentors, confidence, knowledge and responsibility from the Compass experience. I believe that entrepreneurship is in my blood, but I do not have the resources or knowledge to further advance my passion—yet! Being surrounded by other student and mentors that have an interest in entrepreneurship, especially social entrepreneurship, will motivate me to do the best I can and learn as much as possible.

### **2. What Makes You a Social Entrepreneur?**

*Describe the character traits, talents, or experiences that would prepare you for this experience*

I believe the character traits and talents needed to be a social entrepreneur are: awareness of one's surrounding community and the greater world, empathizing with those around them, the ability to not only identify and understand a problem when faced with one, but also to idealize a solution, staying positive, desire for change, being honest and realistic with oneself and those that are being affected, seeing the bigger picture, money conscious, intuitive yet cautious, assertive, grounded moral compass, ability to persuade and influence people, preparedness, strong leadership quality, accepting of mistakes and never settling.

Additionally, working, having internships, participating in community service, traveling and observing human needs, supply and demand, and current events are all experiences that can prepare one to become a social entrepreneur.