

# THE INSIDE STORY



## Graduate Scholars Tapped by Allegheny County

Allegheny County is known for the caliber of its institutions of higher learning. In 2007, Allegheny County sponsored the “[Scholars in Local Government](#)” program to attract recent graduates of juris doctorate programs as well as master’s degree programs in public policy, public administration, social work, business, and related fields to work in local government careers, particularly at the Allegheny County [Department of Human Services](#) (DHS), and to create local and national interest around careers in public service.

The Scholars in Local Government Program (Scholars) is a highly competitive career development opportunity. Candidates compete based on their academic and professional experience, demonstrated leadership potential, commitment to public service, communication skills, and creativity for one-year appointments.

During this year of service they apply their skills to complete high-profile projects and analyze difficult problems and use their leadership abilities to impact policy and practice. In addition to on-the-job training, Scholars are given unique opportunities to meet with high-level government officials, foundation executives, nonprofit and private sector leaders and to participate in educational and professional development opportunities. If Scholars complete their commitment, receive a favorable evaluation, and want to continue working for the County, every effort is made to continue their employment.

The first class of Scholars was announced in February, 2008 and began employment in June, 2008.

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