

GRIOT PROJECT APPLICATION

In West Africa, a Griot is a storyteller, a singer, a history keeper and an agent of cultural change. Building off this tradition, ONE and Malaria No More are excited to announce the launch of Malaria Griots, a program designed to train passionate volunteers into powerful spokespersons in the fight against malaria.

What does it mean to become a Malaria Griot?

Selected Malaria Griots will kick-off their experience with an online course exclusively designed with Elliott Masie, the chair of the Learning CONSORTIUM and an early pioneer in distance learning and e-Learning. This five-month, in-depth course—which will be housed on Blackboard Inc.'s online learning *ProSites™* platform—will include live discussions with leading malaria experts, access to cutting-edge articles and the opportunity to participate in current malaria campaigns. As one of the inaugural students in the Malaria Griots program, you will witness stories of Africans fighting to overcome the disease, work with engaging multimedia content, and ultimately become a leading advocate in the fight against malaria.

Through this interactive course, ONE and Malaria No More will equip you with the tools to be a local advocate in your community, a spokesperson for the media, an engaging presenter at neighborhood church basement meetings and an educator to everyone you meet. We need more Griots working to change lives and help rid the world of disease. This is your opportunity to be a part of the story and to truly make a difference.

What You'll Do

- Successfully complete five month, intensive education course for Griot program
- Develop a 12-month outreach and activity plan
- Speak at public events about malaria and the work to eradicate the disease
- Interact with local media, political leaders and their staffs
- Participate in ongoing information sessions via conference call, video chat or in person
- Recruit volunteers and other advocates for the malaria cause

What We're Looking For

- Public speaking experience
- Ability to learn and navigate new technology; access to computer with audio/video capabilities
- Persuasive communication skills
- Time and travel flexibility within a state or region
- Interest in global health and advocacy
- Willingness to learn
- Civic interest and understanding

What You'll Walk Away With

- One of the very first students of the Malaria Griot course, a pioneer!
- Ability to interact with and learn from leading malaria experts
- Unbelievable access to articles, videos, engaging online content
- Opportunity to serve as a community leader on life-saving global issue
- Opportunity to truly help put an end to malaria worldwide

Applications are due no later than **January 22, 2010**. Completed forms should be emailed to griot@one.org.

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Date: _____
MM/DD/YYYY

Name: _____

DOB: _____
MM/DD/YYYY

Address: _____
Street City Zip Country

Phone Number: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Office) _____

Email: _____

Work Information

Current Position: _____ Company: _____

Address: _____
Street City Zip Country

Work History (most recent first):

Company: _____ Job Title: _____ Dates: ____ - ____

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Volunteer/Community Outreach Positions

Organization: _____ Position Description: _____
Dates: ____ - ____

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Education

High School: _____

Completion Date: _____

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Degree: _____

College/University: _____

Completion Date: _____

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Degree: _____

Grad School: _____

Completion Date: _____

MM/DD/YYYY

Degree: _____

PHD: _____

Completion Date: _____

MM/DD/YYYY

Degree: _____

Continuing Education, Workshops, Training Programs

Course: _____

Facility: _____

Date(s) taken: _____

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Signature _____

Date: _____

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Personal Essays

Please answer the following question in 500 words or less:

- *If you could tell us one thing about yourself that was not included in this application, what would it be? (Please feel free to include personal stories, critical life experiences, goals, or personal mission statements.)*

Please answer **three** of the following questions (300 words or less), with **at least one answer** provided in a short video, PowerPoint, or other form of teaching media:

1. Describe your exposure to the fight against malaria. Please give examples of professional and community experiences where relevant.
2. Describe a role or notable experience you've had promoting a cause you care about or working with an advocacy organization.
3. Describe your public speaking experience (malaria-based or otherwise).
4. What makes you a strong leader? (Please feel free to describe your experience in leadership positions.)
5. Why are you interested in educating others about malaria?

Letter of Recommendation

Please provide a letter of recommendation with your application. The letter would ideally be from someone you have worked with, volunteered with, or studied with, who can speak to your work ethic, leadership abilities, and community involvement.