PERSONAL STATEMENT

One of the major goals of Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine’s ASPIRE is to focus on health disparities. Despite great improvements in the overall health of the nation, Americans who have historically suffered discrimination, marginalization, or exclusion (e.g. the poor, disenfranchised, racial/ethnic groups, women) are more likely than the general population to have poor health and die prematurely (http://www.cdc.gov/MinorityHealth/index.html).

As part of your application for ASPIRE, we ask you to write a personal statement regarding your experience with health disparities. The overall goal is to describe your commitment to reducing racial/ethnic and economic health disparities.

Please address the following in your statement:

- Tell us about any experience(s) you have had working with diverse populations or underserved communities.
- What impact have these experiences had on you?
- Why would you like to participate in ASPIRE?
- How will you enrich the diversity of the community at Stritch?

Please limit your statement to one page. **Be sure to include your name at the top of the page.**

Submit personal statement with online application form or by email or mail.

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