



# United MSD Foundation Student Ambassador Program

Become an Advocate. Build Professional Skills. Make a Lasting Impact.

## What is Multiple Sulfatase Deficiency (MSD)?

Multiple Sulfatase Deficiency (MSD) is an ultra-rare, progressive genetic condition that affects children and families around the world. Individuals with MSD experience a wide range of neurological and medical challenges, and many eventually require around-the-clock care.

Because MSD is so rare, awareness is one of our greatest challenges. Before people can support research, advocate for change, or fund new treatments, they first need to know MSD exists.

That's where you come in.

As a United MSD Foundation (UMSDF) Student Ambassador, you'll help tell the stories of families affected by MSD while gaining real-world marketing, communications, and nonprofit experience that prepares you for your future career.

## What You'll Gain

This program is designed to help you grow both personally and professionally.

### Professional Experience

- Build portfolio-worthy projects
- Strengthen your resume and graduate school applications
- Gain nonprofit and patient advocacy experience

### Skills You'll Develop

- Storytelling and health communication
- Campaign planning and community outreach
- Public speaking and audience engagement

### Mentorship & Networking

- Individual mentorship and regular feedback from UMSDF staff
- One month of onboarding and training, including opportunities to meet families affected by MSD
- Connections with healthcare professionals, researchers, nonprofit leaders, and our nationwide Student Ambassador alumni network

## What You'll Do

Every ambassador's experience is unique, but opportunities may include:



- Create awareness campaigns and social media content
- Develop donor and community outreach materials
- Present "What is MSD?" to organizations in your community
- Support fundraising initiatives like the annual Zebra Run
- Complete a Personal Project aligned with your interests and career goals
- Amplify UMMSDF's mission through your own network

You'll also participate in monthly virtual meetings to receive Foundation updates, collaborate with fellow ambassadors, and receive support and feedback on your projects.

## Who Should Apply?

We're looking for creative, motivated students who want to use their communication skills to make a meaningful impact.

Eligible applicants include students who have not yet completed their terminal degree, including: Undergraduate students, Gap-year students, Graduate students, Professional students

## Program Details

**100% Remote. Commitment:** Approximately **5 hours per month**

**Duration:** One year, with the option to continue for a second year or until completion of your terminal degree.

Each year, **15–16 Student Ambassadors** work together from across the country. We are currently recruiting **5–6 new ambassadors** to join the 2026–2027 cohort.

Our alumni have gone on to medical school, genetic counseling programs, PhD programs, and careers in healthcare, research, communications, and nonprofit leadership.

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## Apply Today!

Complete the application by **5:00 PM CST on Friday, July 24th, 2026**

1. **Application:** <https://forms.gle/G651T8v1CjNEfvCd8>
  - a. The application includes the required upload of a resume/CV
2. Applicants will receive communication about the next steps on Monday, August 3rd, 2026

### Questions?

Please feel free to reach out to Brenna Bentley, MS, CGC, with any questions!  
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