



FELLOW PROFILE

Fellow's Name: Salem Tewelde

Fellow's Partner Organization: Denver Scholarship Foundation

What are your main responsibilities as a PIFP fellow?

At DSF, I work as a College Advisor at South and East High School. At each school we work out of the DSF Future Center where we advise every senior at the school. Our aims are to help students enroll and complete post-secondary higher education but not just at traditional 4 year colleges. Using a best fit method, we encourage students to look at 2 year Associate/Technical degrees and Certificates to find what works for them socially, financially. Most importantly, we want to empower students to pursue their education on terms that work for them!

What's the most interesting thing you've learned in your fellowship so far?

DSF has awarded almost \$39 MILLION dollars to over 6,000 students in the 12 years that DSF has been around!

Why did you want to become a PIFP Fellow?

I wanted to become a PIFP Fellow to gain some experience in the nonprofit world to see if it was something I wanted to pursue long term. DSF is perfect because I am also able to work in education equity while gaining nonprofit work experience.

What activities outside of your work do you enjoy?

I face mask regularly and it's my favourite thing to do while I watch Love Island. I am also very involved in the Ethiopian community in Denver and serve on the Tigray-Ethiopian Community Association on the Youth Committee. Otherwise you can catch me with friends (usually eating, to be honest).

What is something most people would be surprised to know about you?

I can't sleep without something playing -- either ocean sounds or my "sad sa!" playlist!