

Maria's Case

Imagine a young immigrant named Maria, passionate about becoming a filmmaker and making a change in her community but unsure about how to navigate the U.S. system. Polidore's Civics Program is designed to help individuals like Maria become effective civic leaders in their community and identify their path to achieve their full potential.

Skills to Develop

This program helps Maria understand her rights and responsibilities, her role in the US society and to identify the path to cultivate abilities and qualities to foster personal and professional growth as a filmmaker.

Program Phases

1. Selection

Maria sees a flyer at her university about Polidore's Civics Program. She applies and is chosen based on her essay about her filmmaking passion and her sense of community.

2. Advisory

Maria meets John, a recognized filmmaker. They have either one and up to three in attendance or video sessions, where John offers insights and guidelines on Maria's ideas, helping her feel confident in her professional endeavors.

3. Mentorship

After such advisory, one of the members of the Polidore Team will do the follow up with Maria as a mentor. Throughout a year, she/he will help her to do the research, analysis, and study to be able to define her pathway to become a filmmaker and understand the importance of civic engagement.

4. Events

Polidore hosts a yearly event where Maria gets to meet other participants in the program and advisors. She shares her experiences, the lessons learned and best practices acquired along the year, getting valuable feedback and networking with potential partners.

5. Polidore Civics Alumni

After completing the program, Maria joins the Polidore Alumni Network. She continues her project, occasionally reaching out to Polidore for guidance. It is very important that Maria evolves from a passionate filmmaker to a successful one, that is also ready to drive positive change within her community. She's a testament to the program's potential impact on young individuals from diverse backgrounds.